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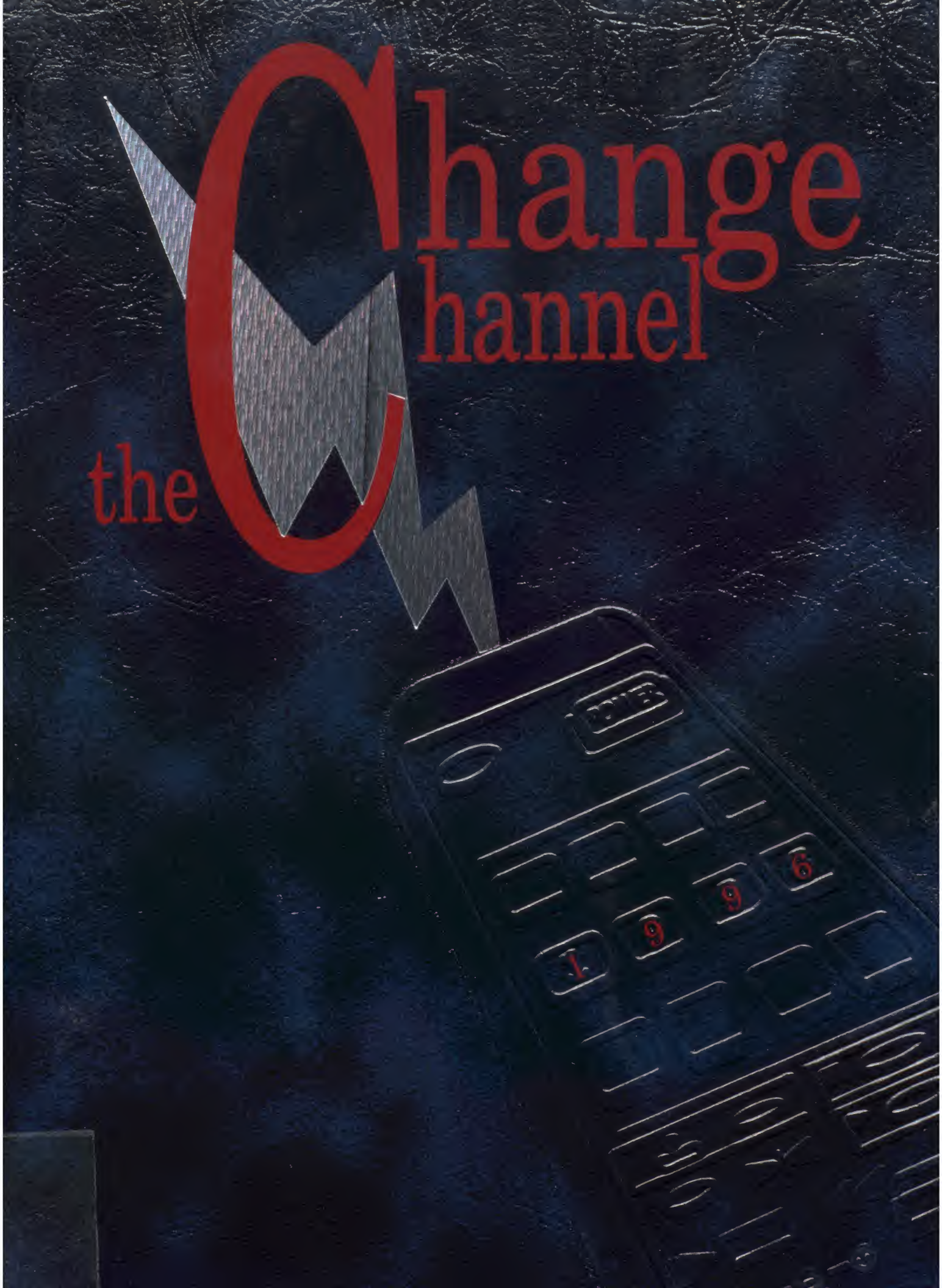

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by Reni Kim

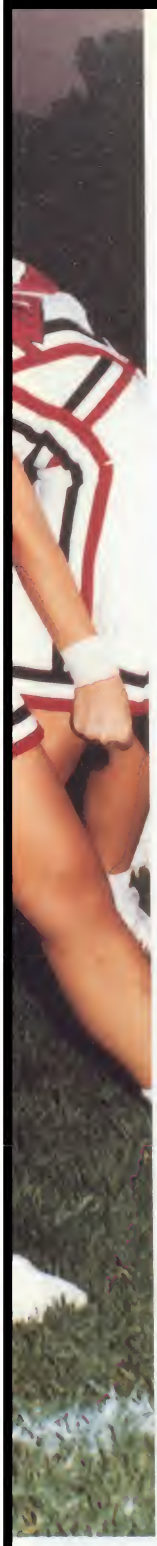
Creeping up on the turn of the century, the modern world is booming-technologically as well as socially. Our attention span is so incredibly low that a simple video game or cordless telephone is not anything big. We have since come to the point where we have these sarcastic attitudes to anything quasi-archaeic, or we simply skip the attitude and *change* what *bothers* us. Nor do we retain any patience for the ignorant and the stupid. Computers, calculators, and pagers. They have taken over our lives, and we entrust in these machines our thoughts and work. We have grown from paper-loving, crayon-hugging kids to teenagers who start a rough draft on a screen and who type "86 + 48" in our TI-85s. So what is this technological advancement about? It is about us finally coming into *the* Era of the Computer and training our brains to behave as if we were on the *Starship Enterprise*.

When we hear the answering machine go off in the Publications' office with an old-fashioned beeping and honking noise, we say sarcastically, "It's nice to know this school is keeping up. How lame." It is those of us who are exclaiming these kinds of remarks who zap the remote and flip the *channel* to the *Discovery Channel* or to *MTV*. In the microcosm that is our school, we have strayed from the sexist attitude as well as the racism and other-isms that persists in the "real world". Those who constantly shut down the various races and the opposite sex need to snap out of their comatose and switch the attitude. They need to follow our example and . . . Change the Channel.

Looking up, up, and away, junior varsity cheerleaders arch their backs as they perform their dance number at halftime in the cold, cold rain.

Pages by Reni Kim and Pin Lin

All throughout the Homecoming dance, students of every grade, male and female, or of no gender at all rhythmically stepped over the dance floor as they shook various body parts. It is commonly known as dancing. *Photo by Michele Lewis*



Freshman Melanie Manego accompanies the marching band on the xylophone as they perform a piece from *Phantom of the Opera*. This instrument often provides the spookiness needed to express this piece effectively.

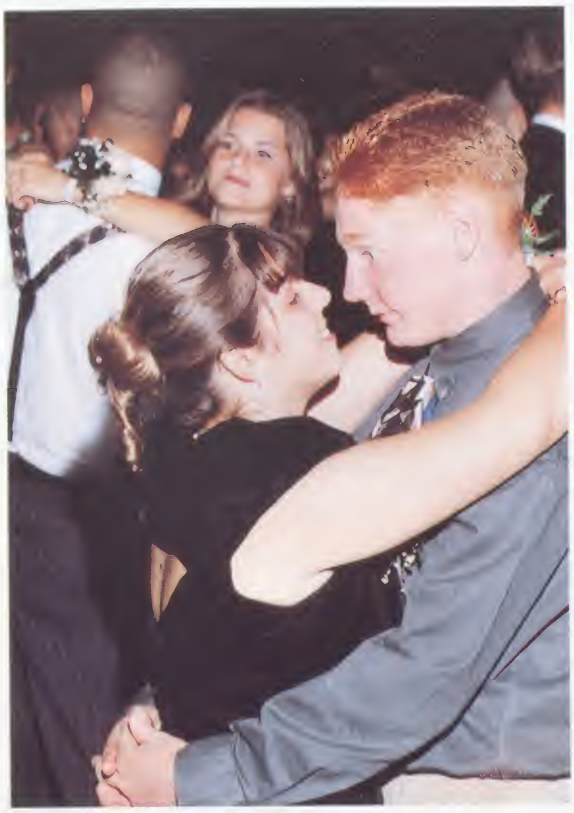
A sophomore football player charges down the field as Maine East's secondary forgets to tackle as he takes time out to pose for the camera. No wonder Maine East lost.

"We are deadly in the medley, Go Relay Go!!!" The junior varsity swim team chants these cheers as one of their own glides down the pool lane. *Photo by Pin Lin*

"I cannot believe someone just took a picture. What if this ends up in the yearbook!?!?!" Juniors LeAnne Vollmann and B.J. Youngsteadt share a very private moment at the Homecoming Dance.

Pommers get down and shake their groove thing at the varsity Homecoming game. Much to everyone's surprise, our varsity football team actually won their game against Maine East. The sophomore and freshman teams also won their Homecoming games.

Students dash to the music wing after science. *Actually*, these are really just members of the girls cross country team. Cross country runners can be seen all over the campus and throughout Morton Grove and Skokie, in training for their season. Our cross country team took first place at their conference meet.



Parade participants march down Oakton, on their way to Gross Point. Parade floats not only provide decoration, they also prevent people from getting sore feet after a long walk around Skokie and back to school. The parade also provides a great way to get out of school early and go somewhere fun like Planet Hollywood.

times are changing

by Heidi Eichler

As the long hot days of August melt away into the cool days of September, the annual ritual begins: back to school. Everyone expects things to be different from the year before, and over the past few years our school has changed dramatically and is continuing to change. Teachers, students and administrators come and go, but much of what they did, do and are going to do will affect our beloved alma mater for years to come, into the twenty-first century.

Some changes happened within just the past few years, like the new science wing, where our grandchildren will know the joy of dashing to science from the other end of the building. Other changes happened only just this year. Our memories of having to fight for dignity during co-ed gym will last a lifetime. We can also look back to our golden years and our struggles with the new and improved Hyperstudio program in the new Mac lab.

Homework, assemblies, dances, slurpee runs, all-nighters, hardships, friendships, and triumphs are all a part of high school. However, change is also a major part. Time passes; and September slowly, but surely, turns into June; and as the clocks tick on, we say goodbye to many things and many people. We also say goodbye to the ways of the past and hello to the future. Change is inevitable, so learn to enjoy it. Though it is often difficult and sometimes unwanted, change does help in the end (well, maybe). So, come on and get with the times. Grab that remote (don't actually get up or anything) *change the channel.*

I've got a ton of peanut butter stuck to the roof of my mouth-help me, help me! Senior Erik Carlson and other members of the varsity football team mug for the camera while watching the festivities at the opening pep assembly. *Photo by Annie Jackson*

The swim team exhibits their never-drowning school spirit at the opening pep assembly. The swim team, one of the largest sports teams, competes during the fall season, so they have to practice and maintain their skills during the summer before season.

Junior Andre King catches a pass and turns up field. The '95 varsity football team rose to the occasion and devastated Maine East for the homecoming game win.

Senior Jae Hee Hwang musters up all the energy she has to get the energy out of the crowd at the varsity homecoming football game.

Hope & Glory

1) Why are people so spirited?
   a. This school is just so incredible.
   b. The faculty makes us feel all warm and fuzzy inside.
   c. The cheerleaders play subliminal messages over the PA to get us psyched for the football games.
2) Why do people stand in the middle of the hallway?
   a. They're freshmen
   b. They stop to enjoy all the multi-cultural conversation.
   c. All the helium in the birthday balloons leaked and affected our motor skills.
3) Why is the cafeteria such a great place to be?
   a. Because there are so many chairs to choose from.
   b. The food is such a bargain.
   c. It's a homework haven.
4) Why is our school so technologically advanced?
   a. Hyperstudio works so well! (Thanks R.J. Meyer and Gary Solomon.)
   b. The lady in the Mac Lab is so computer literate.
   c. All the older staff retired.
5) Why do so many teachers get pregnant?
   a. The water.
   b. Maternity leave.
   c. They see us all day long and want to have one of their own, so they have someone to torture at night, too.
6) Why are hats forbidden in school?
   a. We would all be in a gang.
   b. Our view of the chalk boards and the new and improved marker boards would be obstructed.
   c. People would hide guns in them.
7) Why is our yearbook so great?
   a. Our incredible six person staff.
   b. The blue M&M inspired us.
   c. Because *West Word* won't allow us to use *Pagemaker*.

Senior Steve Brown exemplifies what the model Niles West student should be. Brave and with a strong voice among the crowd, he is not afraid to speak at school assemblies.

Juniors Ana Marchisotta, Linda Szczepanski, and sophomore Nancy Sotelo are . . . well isn't it self-explanatory what they're doing? I'll give you a hint. They're pommers and they're at a pep assembly.

BEARS

My So-Called *Student Life*

Varsity cheerleaders (above) relax a bit after a hard day of toe-touches and hurkies. This group spent four days in the summer competing against other schools from the midwest at Indiana University in Bloomington. On the flip side, (left) freshman Telly Benetatos, senior Stephanie Kouzoukas, junior Tasia Benetatos, and senior Alana Klufas find cool enjoyment on the ski slopes. Their skis got stuck in the snow, so this group decided to stand there until the ski patrol came to rescue them on those awesome snow motor things.

HANG- V. To Fasten So As To Allow Free Motion

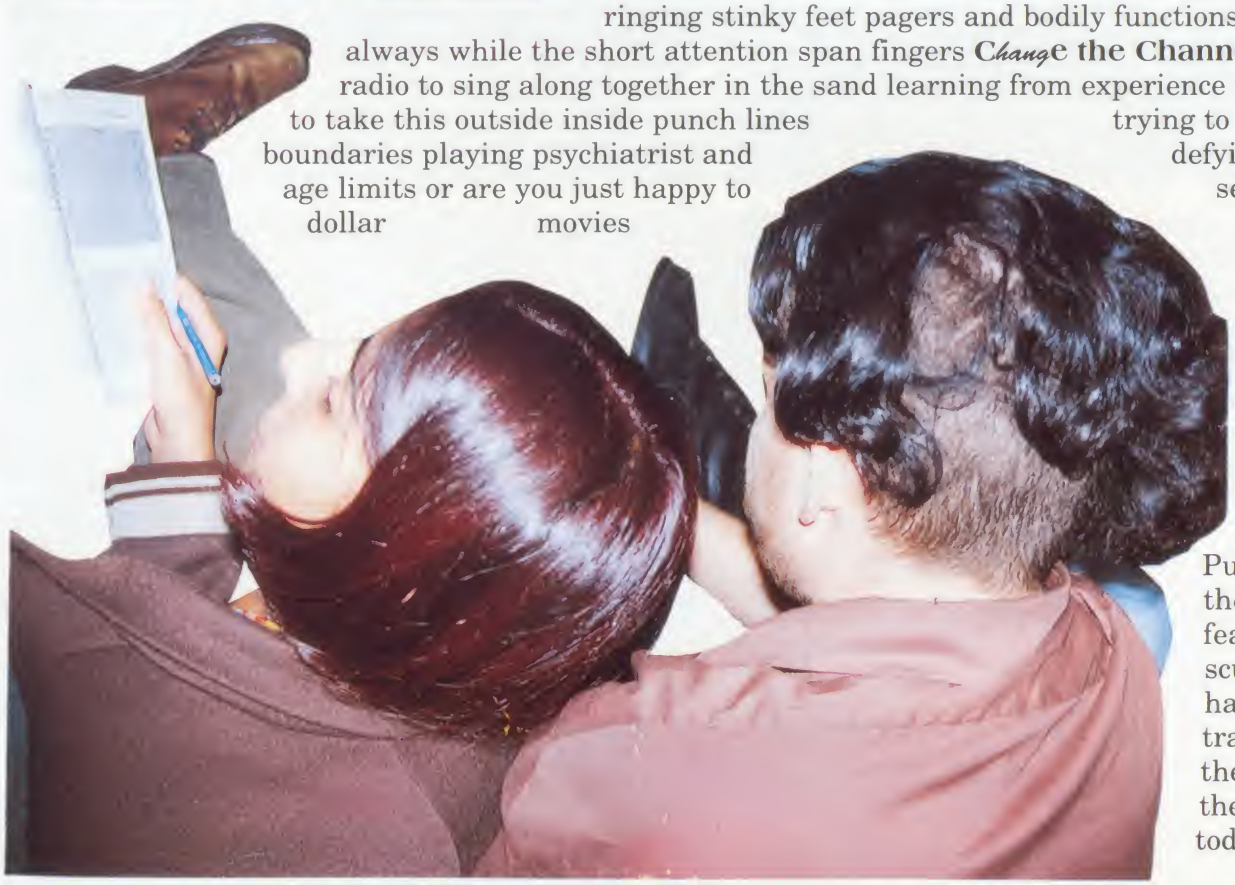
After Homecoming, juniors and seniors finally made it to Ed Debevic's. There they met good food and a crazy pink haired waiter. *Photo by Dana Rzechula*

Anna Zbilut, Valerie Dorizas, Katie Novello, Erik Anderson, Brian Shoen, Erik Merwitz, Jimmy Lee, and Erin Nelson listen to Mike Kudirka (bottom right) tell about what happened to him on a Jewish holiday. It was supposed to be funny and was at the time. *Photo by Dana Rzechula*

Within Given Limits Upon A Point Of Suspension

Sophomores Jessy Jamruszka, Sabrina Guillen, Brittney Block, and Mandy Taheny pose for a snapshot in front of the World Music Theatre before a concert. This picture was submitted by a student after many creative morning announcements requesting pictures. Mandy, come get your donut! *Photo courtesy of Mandy Taheny*

buying time for nothing specific rolling with laughter clever discussions of footwear strategically placing stickers on mean Jack's hosts open sorry we're greasy hair litter everywhere your cigarette opinions flown across pool tables dramatic irony incense talk diversions from the pressures of our commanding officers food yellow random I don't know where do you want to go suns with friends new faces to feel in case we become blind and cannot remember busy signals it's ringing stinky feet pagers and bodily functions laughing always while the short attention span fingers **Change the Channel** on the car radio to sing along together in the sand learning from experience would you like to take this outside inside punch lines trying to escape our boundaries playing psychiatrist and defying our lawful age limits or are you just happy to see me seven dollar movies or rent wild and crazy snapple bottle pops witnessing O.J. every one else's theory cars starting racing to hear Pulp Fiction again the rain dance no fear to be the sculptures that we have been transformed into the laughter fades the night into today



Bedrooms-

The place you can escape to!

(Hint: Say this to the NyQuil jingle)

BEDROOMS;
The comforting,
relaxing,
a sanctuary **dump;**
buddies, **parties,** reflections,
secrets revealed,
lotions, dryers,
telephones,
TVs,
fave CDs,
teddy bears,
pictures,
get-togethers,
life-time treasures,
fashions and trends,
Messy, yet neat,
so you can rest
Betteroom.

Seniors Suzi Jusufi and Linda Khoshaba will do anything for a laugh! Here they are sitting with Cadbury eggs on their noses.

"Hey, I'm not the only one!", exclaims sophomore Adrianna Mendez, after posing for this memorable shot. Getting that perfect face takes a lot of work. *Photo courtesy of Mandy Taheny*

Recognize this room? Filled with new and outrageous poster things, senior Dana Rzechula's room shows off her image. Rzechula displays her expertise in photography by taking this picture herself. *Photo by Dana Rzechula*

Seniors Katie Novello, Erik Anderson, and Erik Merwitz, chill out in her room. Having no insulation, Novello was forced to use magazine pages to keep her room warm at night. *Photo by Dana Rzechula*

Freshman Joey Espiritu and sophomore Francis Floresca pucker up to the camera after putting on the final touches of their makeup. Going over to a friend's place is the perfect way to get ready for a night out with the "girls". *Photo courtesy of Jenny Cho*

Sophomores Mandy Taheny, Sabrina Guillen, Mika Keegstra, Jessy Jamruszka, and Kim Bacher put their heads together and lay back. Such get-togethers are fun ways to relax from the hectic school week. *Photo courtesy of Mandy Taheny*

What do U do?

Top Ten Job Annoyances

10. doing actual work

9. that certain fellow employee

8. bosses with bad breath..actually, bosses

7. spitting customers

6. the beautiful uniform that comes with its clashing nametag

5. ten minute breaks: just enough time for you to get a "drink"

4. that certain odor that follows you home after work

3. $4.25 an hour: enough money to buy a pack of gum

2. lack of the more appealing members of the opposite sex

1. people who miss the toilet seat

Junior Saf Ashraf exclaims as he hurries to box a small fry for his drive-thru customer. Ashraf, as a McDonald's employee, tries to achieve Total Customer Satisfaction through fast service (about half-an-hour per car), good food (hey, it is edible), and great service (look at my smile, you dork!). *Photo by Pin Lin*

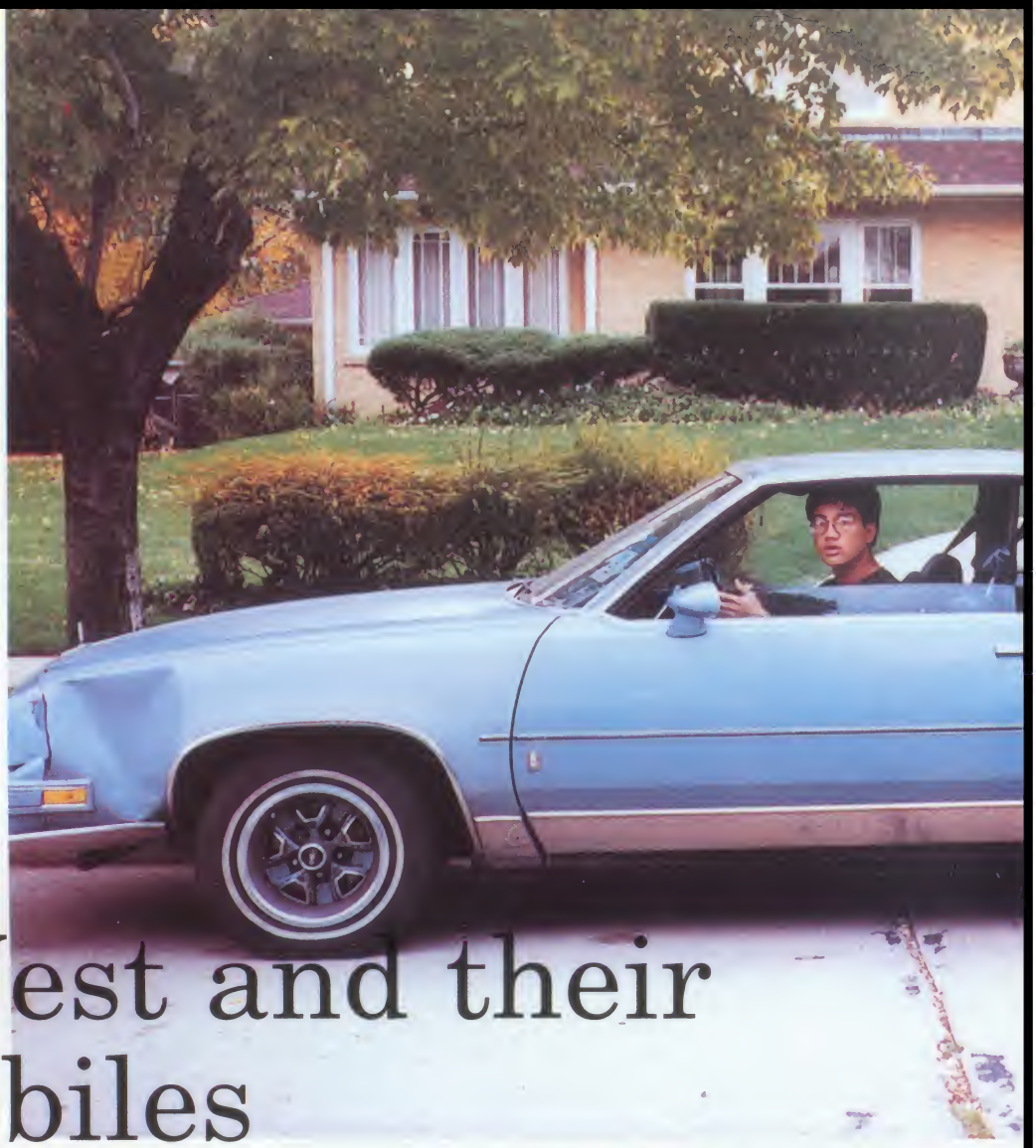
Senior Eric Nees and juniors Nicole Sutherland and Jenny Spear smile at the camera as Spot and Peter Rabbit. Sutherland was one the three choral students selected to district IMEA. Congratulations! *Photo courtesy of Jenny Spear*

"Hello, boys and girls!" (Does Barney say that?) Senior Dana Rzechula and Junior Jenny Spear dress up as Lambchop and Cat N the Hat. Why anyone would name a lamb Lambchop is beyond me. *Photo courtesy of Jenny Spear*

by Reni Kim

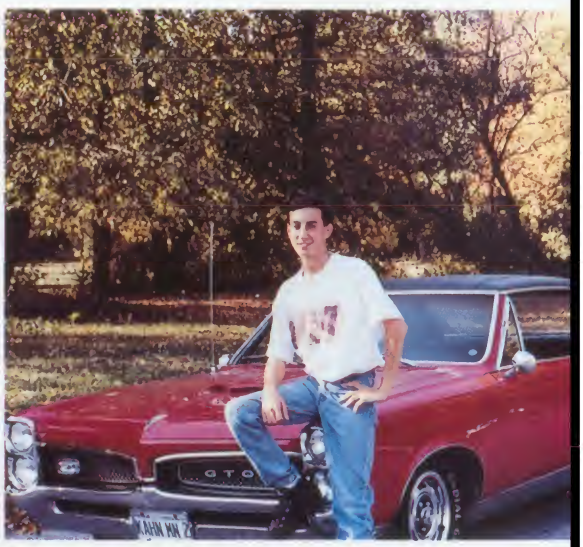
Personality can be defined by many different things. One of the easiest ways is to look at the car they own. Whether he (and I use "he" very loosely because it refers to girls, too) stole it from the junk yard or he cleared out his savings to buy one legally, the one they choose will tell a lot about the type of person he is. There must have been that one aspect about the car that attracted it to him, and that aspect usually says something about him. Junior Sinee Kopsombut says, "Out of the two cars my parents offered me, I picked the *Previa* (van) because it's sleek and I can load a lot of people into it." Now if that's not Freudian, I don't know what is.

Cars provide the most important mode of transportation for students. However, not only do the carts get them around, but these ingenious machines also give some insight into their character.



Niles West and their Automobiles

Can you see senior Tony Czupryna? I call it "Magic Eye for Dummies". *Photo by Eric Nees*



Junior Joey Kahn poses with his 1967 Pontiac GTO. Joey's uncle, Bob, found the car in an alien artifact dig on Mars. He then decided it could be put to good use on Earth and gave it to Kahn. *Photo by Liz Wozniczka*

WHAT???
(senor Mark Nabong)
Photo by Eric Nees

Senior Melinda Balk talks to her mom on her cell phone. Many driving teenagers run up huge bills keeping in touch with parents and friends. *Photo by Eric Nees*

Senior Eve Bilotas unlocks her (mom's) car. Many students don't have their own cars but borrow their parent's to use on the weekends. *Photos by Eric Nees*

The *Surreal* World

Senior Jenni Siegel and her friend (above) look on as hundreds of people gathered by the lake downtown for the annual AIDS walk. It was a rigorous walk which brought AIDS supporters to the fantastic spots of Chicago downtown like the refreshing Buckingham Fountain, but most of all, this walk was a great opportunity to be with friends and others who cared. Another rigorous activity students participated in was the Orchesis performance (left). A few times every week after school, Orchesis and Orchettes members practiced their dance routines like the opening number to the music of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The colorful costumes, therefore, suited the accompanying music.

Pages by Kelly McBreen

Lucy (sophomore Jessica Elkayam) gives Charlie Brown a bit of psychiatric help. Charlie Brown showed people life through the eyes of a child.

The cast of Charlie Brown gathers for a final curtain call. Charlie Brown brought people of all ages together.

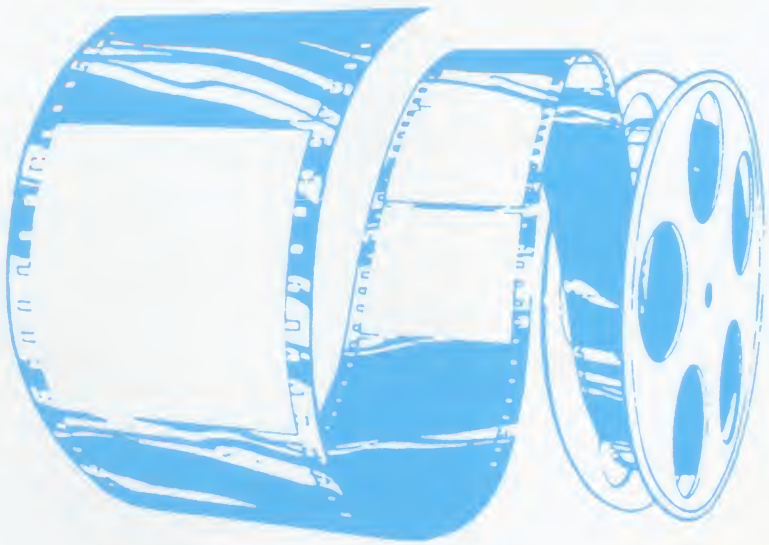
Happiness is . . .

In a moment of sadness, Charlie Brown (sophomore Ben Schneider) looks up for some advice. Charlie Brown, because of his incredibly low self-esteem, was thought of as helpless by his peers.

by Heidi Eichler

If there ever was a national low self-esteem campaign, Charlie Brown would be the poster child. Charles Schultz's lovable klutz came to life last spring in the student-produced production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The Pow Wow, which featured sophomore Ben Schneider as the title character, followed the adventures of Charlie Brown and his gang of friends. Sophomore Jessica Elkayam played Lucy, the group's official advice-giver. Junior Paul Vranas brought Lucy's blanket-loving brother Linus to life, and sophomore Jenny Spear chased after Charlie Brown as Peppermint Patty. "Looking onto that stage was like looking at the comic strip," commented audience member Tom Vranas.

One of the major highlights of the play was the music. The song "Happiness is . . . " helped end the play on a happy note, despite Charlie Brown's negative attitude. Throughout the play and his life, Charlie Brown is always criticized and never seems capable of doing anything right. Yet, in the final scene, he finds the pencil of his beloved, the little red-haired girl. This prompts the song, which emphasizes the fact that one can find a little bit of happiness in everything. Sophomore Beth Dobrowolski, who spent many nights in curlers to become Freida, the curly-haired girl, agrees with the sentiments expressed in her solo. "Happiness is anyone and anything that's loved by you."



let the COLOR shine through

by Lucy Parreno

As the curtain rises, the audience caught a glimpse of the Orchesis and Orchette members dressed in various colors of the rainbow. The dancers used these costumes to portray their theme this year, *Technicolor Dance*. The theme was also carried throughout the production in the area of costumes and dance style. A variety of dance numbers were performed, ranging from the modern number, *Exile*, professionally choreographed by Roberta Cassidy, to the Arabian style dance, *Bolero*, choreographed by senior Alisa Sajadi. Costumes ranged from leotards and catmasks of *Cats*, to the fishnet stockings and crop tops of *Devil Bunnies*, and the funky hip-hop styles of the Hip-Hop number.

Orchesis and Orchettes are dance clubs created for people who enjoy dancing and performing in front of crowds. They consist of about thirty people in Orchesis and twenty Orchettes members. Tryouts are usually held in the fall to choose dancers for the production which is held in the spring. "Orchesis is a lot of fun, I'm planning to try out again next fall," exclaimed Orchesis member Lisa Colbert.

The production ran for two consecutive nights including a special senior citizen performance. Senior Shana Margolis, the company's vice president, says, "The performances went smoothly both nights without any critical problems, so overall I think the show was very successful." The production consisted of two acts with ten dance numbers in each. An intermission between the two acts provided time for the dancers to rest up and change costumes. Sophomore Jenny Lee, who watched the performance, said, "I thought it was really good, the dances were creative and there was a good variety of music. I especially loved the guys' number, it was hilarious." The production ended with all the members taking their bows. Finally, the curtain fell as they danced colorfully off stage.

Senior Allison Stegich struts her stuff to the song, *Young and Proud*. This unique dance used chairs as an accessory to their dancing.

Seniors Lizzy Sajadi and Shana Margolis flash their pearly whites and bright colors as they dance in the opening number to *Joseph and the Amazing Color Dreamcoat*. Sajadi and Margolis were both officers this year in Orchesis.

All dressed up in fishnets, a crop top, and a huge yellow bow, senior Kelly Degenhart strikes a pose. This number displayed the various types of costume ideas in the production.

Graduate Lila Schallert-Wygal dramatically dances to the song, *Aurora*. She has been an Orchesis member for all four years.

Seniors Don Sukantawanich and Seong Park were voted as the 1995 Prom King and Queen. Just five years ago, graduates Tony Stegich and Lauren Wagner were prom king and queen and felt the same joy as Sukantawanich and Park did. *Photo By Michele Lewis*

The dance floor is flooded with couples dancing and enjoying the music. Although the floor was beautiful, there was a small problem with inadequate dancing room. *Photo by Michele Lewis*

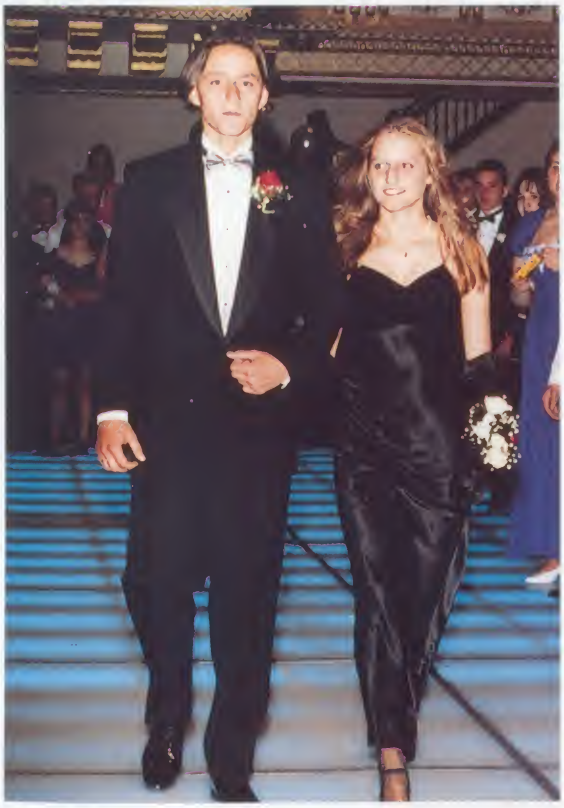
BLUE CLOUDS

by Anne Jackson

Upon entering the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago, juniors and seniors were enraptured by the shimmering blue dance floor. In years past, Niles West proms had taken place at the Ambassador Hotel, the Hyatt, and the Marriott. The Junior Cabinet chose the elegant Knickerbocker Hotel for the magical "We've Got Tonight." The lighted blue dance floor gave the illusion of dancing on a blue cloud. Tables were placed on both the main floor and the balcony. Though people on the main floor had the advantage of being closer to the dance floor, those in the balcony were awarded with a spectacular view of the entire prom. Everywhere, friends greeted each other. Laughter and the smiles lit up the room. The music drifting through the air untied everyone whether they were dancing, talking, or eating. Everyone, whether a junior or a senior, had a great time, and May 19 became an unforgettable night.

"Death Beneath the Sphinz" was organized to provide an alcohol-free after-prom activity. As soon as the prom-goers entered the Lincolnwood Radisson Hotel, they were confronted with a realistic murder mystery, including clues and detectives. Pizza, cookies, and soda were provided at the Radisson. Though there was not a big turnout for "Death," those who did go had fun. Others went to parties or gatherings after the prom. Whatever people did after prom, everyone had a great time continuing the festivities with some kind of safe, clean fun.

The prom provided an intimate environment for all those who wanted it. Seniors Cathy Lee and Dailey Mathew show the more intimate side of it. *Photo by Michele Lewis*



Floating on a cloud of blue light are seniors Paul Korzun and Georgette Miklaj. The Knickerbocker Hotel provided a quaint, yet eloquent, place for the prom. *Photo by Michele Lewis*

Freshman Aviva Gibbs and senior Seth Bender are ready and raring to go for the big evening. Bender understands that when it comes to love, grade level does not matter. *Photo courtesy of Aviva Gibbs*

Bad to the Bone

by Eric Nees

The Bad Seed, the fall play, was directed by English teacher James Batts. The play deals with the issue of evil being in all of us. "We have been witnessing a lot of evil behavior in the United States recently . . . the play reminds us that evil is everywhere," states Batts.

It was a frightful story about Ronna, a girl who everybody - has - to - love - but - she's - really - a-psycho-killing-machine. Ronna was convincingly played by Carrie Costa. This was Costa's first leading role. Ben Schneider, Colleen Gubbins, Matt Joseph, Jesse Winograd, Melissa Venn, Solomon Sucerman, Kate Alpert, Jessica Elkayam, and Eric Rosenbush added to the spine-tingling show with their fine performances.

The play ran October 20 and 21 and had one senior citizen performance and two nighttime performances. Congratulations to all involved.

Senior Colleen Gubbins makes a frightened phone call during her stint as the mother in *The Bad Seed*. Her daughter Ronna appears innocent, but really is quite evil.

Senior Jesse Winograd delivers his lines with perfection. Winograd has been an active member of the theater department for his entire high school career.

With her neat braids and pretty dress, Carrie Costa seems like a perfect, sweet little girl. Her character, Ronna, is bad to the bone, though.

Lines, Tackles, and Barry, Oh My!

by Heidi Eichler

October 13, 1995: So many things to watch, so little time. *Click.* Students arrive at school at 9:30 A.M. Thank heavens for late arrival! Toilet paper is draped over anything that will stand still. *Click.* Time in school flies by so fast when we only have to be here for two and a half hours. *Click.* The gym pulses with music and people at the annual Homecoming Pep Assembly. Those who have not left already shout, "Go Home, Freshmen!" as the cheerleaders and pommers dance, and the band plays. Students are dismissed, and people become stuck in the doorways like hairballs in a gunky pipe. *Click.* Parade floats line up in the Oakton Street lot in preparation for their debut. *Click.* Edison kids line Gross Point in hopes of catching some candy. Unfortunately, new policy prohibits parade participants from throwing candy; parents are worried about cavities and black eyes. *Click.* Time flies again. *Click.* After paying the admission fee, people cross the track to find a seat for the Homecoming game. We actually beat Maine East this year! *Click.* Chorus members, generously giving up their chance to enjoy the "Rhythm of the Night," board the tour bus for the Rosemont Theater. The chorus was asked to back up Barry Manilow during his four night stint in Chicago. *Click.* People drive away while their ride-bumming friends honk their horns to announce our miraculous football victory. *Click.* The screen goes dark. We have come home.

Everyone loves a parade! Children and adults alike turn out to see Niles West's many fabulous organizations strut their stuff throughout Skokie.

Sophomore Neda Kusolvisitkal adds her flute to the band during half-time at the Homecoming game. Marching band not only performs music, they also, well, march.

I wonder if I can get this water bag into my helmet from here. A sophomore football player takes time out to catch his breath during the Homecoming game.

Ever wonder why everyone always squeezes through one door when there are four to choose from? Maybe they're trying to preserve the beautiful Homecoming work of Midnight Riders?!?!?!

Those Midnight Riders don't leave a single thing uncovered, do they? Actually, it's the Serbian Club showing off their school spirit with this great float.

LINE UP

by Eric Nees

The 1995 homecoming dance was themed "Rhythm of the Night", but for the many couples that attended, a better theme might have been "Standing in the Night".

7:30 This was the dance's original start time, but because of me, my group got there at . . .

7:45 A line of considerable size has already formed right inside the pool hallway doors. This line is for couples to show their official school ids and pick up their bid. Being a veteran of many school dances, this line surprises me because it has formed so early and fast and it isn't even the picture line.

8:00 We obtain our bids and get in another line to enter the dance, this line has formed because the D.J.s were late and they are still setting up.

8:20 We get through the door and get into another line to check our coats.

8:27 The coat checking line isn't so bad, and now we are ready to take our pictures and start dancing.

8:28 My eyeballs can barely stay in their sockets- the line for the picture has already stretched across the gym floor and is almost creeping into the hallway. So now the group debates dancing now and taking our pictures later or taking our pictures first and then dancing.

8:29 The group decides that the line will only get longer and we mournfully get in line . . .

8:45 . . . still standing in line . . .

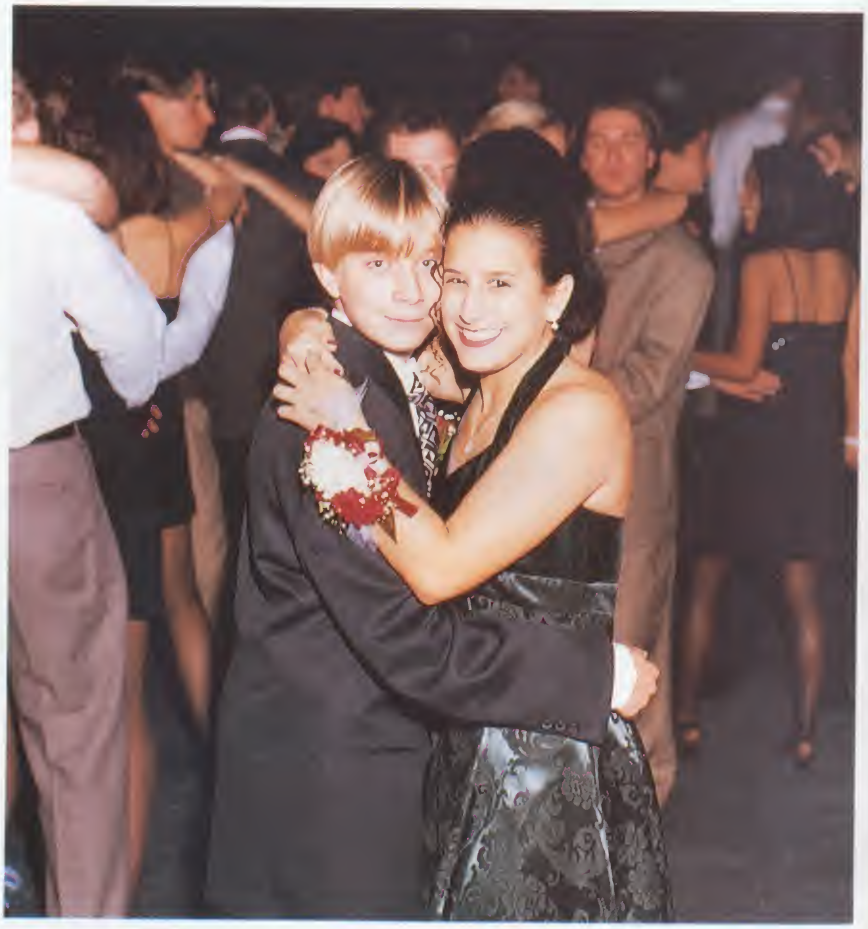
8:50 . . . still standing in line and not getting anywhere, we decide to get out of line and cut back into it about 10 couples from the front.

8:52 We have successfully infiltrated the line and now wait patiently for our pictures to be taken.

9:05 The pictures are taken and we now jump out on the dance floor and live happily ever after.

Oh my God! Those photographers are everywhere! Another couple has their dance intruded on by yearbook photographers. Hey, we need pictures! Student Union sponsors the annual Homecoming Dance.

We finally made it out of all those lines! After all the waiting is over, students can relax and enjoy the dance. Most people don't even spend that much time at the dance so some may leave feeling bitter about standing in so many long lines. Isn't that right, Eric?



Just smile and maybe they'll go away. Sophomores Paula Tushbai and Dan Flood take time to acknowledge the ever-present photographers. The Homecoming Dance is often like a fashion show; one can see all kinds of dresses like Tushbai's pretty number.

After all the waiting, people still do get to dance at the Homecoming Dance. Some like to slow dance, while others want to get down. Hey, whatever you like.

Get down! Junior Frank Fontana and date sway to the beat of the music. After getting their bids, checking their coats, and taking pictures, people attending the dance get to enjoy three, maybe four, dances with their dates.

How can you smile-it's nine o'clock and we haven't even taken our pictures yet? Despite all the lines and waiting, people still manage to have a good time. Then again, they could just be pretending.

REEDOM

We're Outta Here!

valedictorian Davis Kim

salutatorian Elena Krop

by Pin Lin

About half-a-mile away, in the stuffy "room" of Welsh-Ryan Arena, four hundred fifty-three Niles West students or so completed the last stages of their high school years. Hours before the ceremony, young ladies in dress suits or dresses (white was the color for 1995) and gentlemen in suits gathered in one of the smaller gyms to touch up on their makeup or put on that last layer of gel or hair spray. June 6 was the day that they moved up from still developing high school seniors to mature college students. For many, the step was frightening and feared. Others embraced this new-found freedom with joy and great expectation. The ceremony continued with speech from valedictorian Davis Kim, salutatorian Elena Krop, and senior class cabinet president Valerie Reznik.

The future looked bright for these bright graduates. They had only completed the first half step of their life. (That is smaller than a step.) Hey, at least they are finished with those bothersome college applications.

Fellow classmate helps a happy graduate with her cap. Male students graduated in red caps and gowns, while the female students wore white.

"Why won't this stupid thing stay?" exclaims two members of the graduating class. Nothing seems to go right when you are nervous about an important or special event.

Graduate Sara Gonzales receives one of her many awards. Gonzales is the recipient of the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program, Women's Club of Skokie Literature Award, Lawrence University Trusty Scholarship, Tandy Technology Scholarship, and Beloit College Presidential Scholarship. To top everything off, Gonzales is also a member of the National Honors Society.

Senior Brian Kane, an IMEA (Illinois Music Educators District) member, plays a solo on his French horn. It is very difficult to make the IMEA, the Music Department has tryouts and only a few make it.

Lights, Camera, Action, Pasta!

by Beverly Aprieto

The music department presented Pasta and Pops on March 11. It was a very musical experience for everyone: the singers, instrumentalists, conductors, and audience members. "It was a very moving night. The music was really upbeat and rhythmical," remarked Principal Roger Stein.

"It was such a great night. It had given me such a great experience to actually play for a real audience. I was scared at first, but I just let my emotions take charge. I am almost positive that I am going to do it again," said freshman clarinet player Lyla Padiernos.

The performers were from Symphonic and Concert Bands, Symphonic and Concert Orchestras, and the four levels of the choir: Choraliers, Choral Union, Chamber Choir, and Expressions. Included in the performance were the Color Guards and Jazz Band. Musical numbers included "Lean on Me," "Phantom of the Opera," "The Clarinet Polka," and "Someone to Watch Over Me." Sophomore Lucy Parreno stated, "Some songs I actually recognized. I just wanted to get up and start singing along with the choirs or grab a microphone when the band played." Not only is Pasta and Pops a great musical experience, but it is also a time for eating spaghetti, salad, and goodies!

The organization that put all this together was the Music Parent Association. Most of the money raised goes back into the music department as private lesson scholarships. Students with low income families may apply for scholarships, or private voice or instrumental lessons. The scholarships pay for, at most, half of the lessons.

How did the MPA get the food? Well most of the bare essentials are donated by Olive Garden, such as bread, cheese, salad dressing, butter, and seasonings.

As you can see, Pasta and Pops is a big and delicious night. It gives students the experience of performing in front of an audience and allows them to actually earn money for scholarships. Songs both new and old were played, and pop tunes were also sung. So the next time Pasta and Pops comes by, be sure to stop by and listen. Listen to the caroling, music, and clattering of the dishes. Then listen to the applause . . . (burp). Excuse me!

Niles West Symphonic and Concert Orchestras, conducted by Steve Katz and Hyeon Tak Kwon, play "Someone to Watch Over Me." The Orchestras consist of violinists, string and brass players, and many others.

Choraliers, the first of a four level choir, sings one of its show tunes. Many Freshman take part in choir to perfect their musical ability.

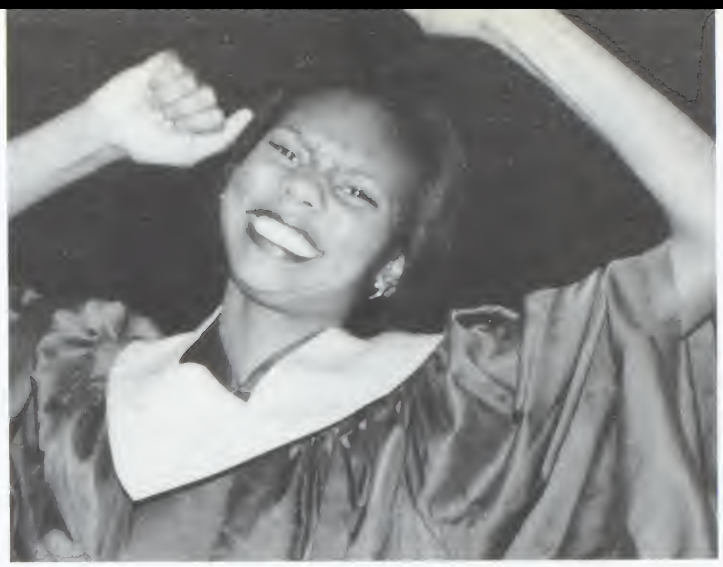
The Symphonic Orchestra plays another breath taking piece. The violinists are very important to the orchestra. Some acknowledgements go to violinists like Grant Hsing, Susan Koo, Jennifer Lee, Andrew Dahan, and James Lee.

Juniors Ana Marchisotta and Andrea Braovac crack up at one of the funny acts. Lip-sync is one night where people come to watch their friends make fools of themselves.

Junior Pete Boudouvas shows the audience what a sexy bod he has. Boudouvas participated in many acts. This one is "Baby Got Back!".

While "regulating," junior Jill Pasia shows off her great dance techniques to the audience. Pasia, like her cousin (Nikki Pasia), was also involved in many other acts.

Juniors Isaac Feder and Ticha Maleegrai announce the winners of the contest. Feder and Maleegrai were the MC's for the exciting night.



Junior Doriane Williams gets into the groove while portraying Whoopi Goldberg. Sophomore Cabinet won second place with their rendition of *Sister Act*.

lip action

The sophomore cabinet's annual Lip-Sync contest was held in the auditorium. The Lip-Sync contest gave the students a chance to showcase all their talents. Students ranging from freshmen to seniors competed in the contest. The auditorium was packed with energetic fans who showed their support and approval of the performances with loud cheers and even standing ovations.

The acts were judged by twelve professionals from the community, who awarded $100 for first prize. $50 was awarded to the second place winners and $25 for third place winners.

Students worked very hard together to perfect their performances and reach first place. Although not everyone could win first place, the number of flawless performances was amazing. Lip-Sync was an enjoyable night, perfect for hanging loose, kicking back, and enjoying all the hard work put into making the contest enjoyable and memorable.

Senior Nikki Pasia models the retro look for one of her many acts. Pasia seems to be the "Queen of Lip-sync."

Lending a Helping Hand

Students and faculty often participate in many activities that involve helping others. Hoping to make a difference, students participated in the annual "AIDS Walk for Life" and the "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge". These activities are only a couple of the things students and faculty contributed in.

To raise money for AIDS research, prevention, and education, members of the WHO (West Helps Others) club and others attended the AIDS walk held on the lake front in September. Many different people took part in the worthy event such as Elvis impersonators and the Jesse White Tumblers. The anxious walkers started in the morning. With complimentary refreshments available at every kilometer, the participants were able to complete their ten kilometer walk. Senior Dana Rzechula commented, "It was a fun way to raise money for a worthy cause. I really hope more people will support the fight against AIDS."

On the other hand, students were able to make a difference just by sitting down. On October 4, an assembly took place after school. It was about the "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" in Alaska. To start off the assembly, Spanish teacher Chris Fontana introduced senior Eve Bilotas, a future environmental leader. In turn, Bilotas introduced Lenny Kohm, a photographer who backpacked around the Arctic Refuge and met the people who lived there. Lenny Kohm explained what the Arctic meant and why it was so important to save. He wanted the people of America to be aware of what was happening to the "Last Great Wilderness".

In the second part of the assembly, Edna Kay, a member of the Gwich'in tribe (an Indian tribe whose existence is being threatened by the petroleum industry) said a few words. She emphasized the importance of her land and tried to get support from the students. Bilotas is one of a select group in the country who have contributed so much to this earth. She replied, "The Arctic is the last ecosystem in North America, and all should be done to preserve it for the Gwich'in people. We, as youth, can save it."

Many people walked along the lake front to help raise money for the worthy cause. The AIDS walk brought together people of all ages, race, and sexual preference. *Photo by Dana Rzechula.*

Seniors Dana Rzechula and Jenni Siegel are not yet exhausted as they joyfully continue on their walk downtown arm-in-arm. Not only does Rzechula participate in activities such as this walk, she can also be found in the yearbook room, slaving away on layouts. *Photo courtesy of Dana Rzechula.*

Banners like these were seen throughout the AIDS walk. Family members of lost ones often carried pictures or banners of their deceased. *Photo by Dana Rzechula.*

Lenny Kohm gives a speech to students and faculty at the SAVE assembly. Kohm dedicates much of his time giving speeches about the "Last Great Wilderness" all around the country. *Photo by Pin Lin.*

Faculty and students were both invited to ask questions and share their ideas with a member of the Gwich'in tribe. Edna Kay represented the tribe at the assembly. *Photo by Pin Lin.*

Pages by Jenny Cho

mix it up

On the night of September, the doors to the cafe opened for the annual Frosh-Soph Mixer. About one hundred fifty underclassmen attended to hang out with their friends and to meet new people. Many students had a blast. It was a party where everyone just enjoyed themselves by socializing with others and dancing, but some students did not look so thrilled to be there. During the song, "YMCA", a lot of students danced like the village people. Many students were dancing together, showing off their moves, and just enjoying themselves.

"Personally, it was not the best dance, but at least it gave me a chance to hang out with my friends and meet new people," said freshman Juliet Chong.

"I had a good time, but I think the deejays should have played better music and a lot more variety," commented freshman Katrina deOcampo.

"It was a good ice-breaker for a lot of freshmen. I felt more secure after the mixer because I had met new people," quoted freshman Jessica Nem.

Some students decided to go out again with their friends after the mixer. All in all, this dance was a great way for the freshmen to feel more comfortable and relaxed after the first two weeks of their first year at Niles West.

Freshmen Claudia Mitria and Pat Brown smile for the camera while dancing together. Many students went out with a large group of friends after the mixer.

A group of freshmen cut loose at the mixer after the beginning of the school year. The annual mixer, sponsored by Sophomore Cabinet, lets people meet each other and relax after a long week of school.

Dean Erickson boogies down with the students during the dance. Erickson helped chaperone the mixer along with many other teachers and parents.

Freshman Matt Brown shows off his moves to his friends at the mixer. The Deejays from Windy City provided this dance with slamming music and entertainment.

Students enjoy themselves while dancing together during a slow jam at the mixer. The dance gave students a chance to hang out together and have fun.

Military Officer Montgovery displays his enthusiasm for the Illinois Army National Guard by posing for this very inspiring picture. The military occasionally visits our cafe during the school year, so don't be sad if you missed out at college night. College Nigh usually invites the military, just in case there are people who are not considering going the college route. *Photo by Annie Jackson*

A very enlightened Senior Tom Kasalo (YES-our very own BIG RED!), while in a state of deep concentration, fills out a request information card so he can get college information mailed to his home. Yes, it's possible, we just might see Kasalo on a college campus! *Photo by Annie Jackson*

Seniors Bill Tziavaras and Shahbaz Kazi converse with a Loyola representative. Talking to the reps is usually a good way to obtain requirements and admission information. College Night took a lot of hard work and preparation. Thanks , Gloria Moore! *Photo by Pin Lin*

Where will your

Yellow Brick Road

lead you to?

Just sixteen days into the school year and it had arrived already: COLLEGE NIGHT! College Night provides a wonderful opportunity to collect information about certain colleges and universities, talk to friends, or maybe just flirt with those military men (you girls know who you are!!!).

Over three hundred institutions, from all across the United States, including colleges, universities, and military organizations, participated in the event. Hundreds of students and parents, from all over Chicagoland, the surrounding suburbs, and even other states attended "Directions '95", which was the theme of Monday, September 18. "Directions '95" was the largest event of its kind ever held here.

College Night was held for the benefit of the seniors and juniors and the loving and money-making parents. The night is designed to familiarize students with the advantages that a particular school has to offer. A great deal of consideration goes into selecting a college or making future plans.

However, even those not planning to proceed to college after high school still had a chance to obtain one of those lovely plastic green army bags that we all **"OOH** and **AHH"** over.

Senior Jason Juris talks to an Art Institute International representative. Some students decide to go to a college that specializes in her or his preferred career. *Photo by Pin Lin*

College Night brings together students from a variety of schools. It is usually held in the beginning of the year, so that seniors who neglected to research possible colleges during their junior years still have time to complete their applications. *Photo by Pin Lin*

Senior Liz Suh patiently awaits her turn to speak to a Washington representative. Occasionally, you get all the information you need just by waiting and listening to others talk with these reps. Other times, students simply pick up pamphlets and read them at home. *Photo by Pin Lin*

Senior Paul Vranas also found an information request card. Some students went around filing out card after card to get a variety of information sent home to themselves. Plus, THEY can actually get some mail for a change. *Photo by Pin Lin*

Senior Jessica Drexler cannot keep from smiling as Director of Athletics Gerald Turry presents the Presidential Fitness Award to her. This award is one of the most difficult honors to achieve, but Drexler achieved it, and in all four years of her high school career, too.

Senior David Chan is saluted by choral director Paula Bachman to receive the music department award. It is important that the teachers are recognized in this manner because they are the ones who guide and inspire students to excel.

After the long night of award presentations, the cafeteria offered refreshments and a live orchestra to entertain teachers, students, and parents as they mingled. On the refreshment table were goodies like red punch (not too watered down), cookies, and coffee. For the most part, people seemed to enjoy the long awaited snack and getting out of their seats.

Not only did students receive acknowledgements, but those teachers who were retiring also received congratulations on their time dedicated to teaching as Principal Roger Stein and Director of Athletics Gerald Turry greet social studies teacher John Handzel. For teachers who have served students as long as Handzel has, this night is long awaited; so the retirement does not seem like a distant dream anymore.

SUCCESS!

Pages by Reni Kim

Director of Social Studies and Fine Arts Careda Taylor presents senior Karina Kramer-Schevers with a plaque representing her department award for theater. These awards were of the first given out before many students received their certificates and keys for achieving the honor roll.

The auditorium was packed with jabbering parents boasting proudly to each other about their sons and daughters. All year long, students strived and performed their best academically, and March 20 was the night when they were all rewarded for their successful efforts.

Not only were certificates, bronze, silver, and gold keys rewarded to honor roll students, but many others were acknowledged for their accomplishments in physical education. Seniors who excelled exceptionally in individual departments received department awards and were greeted on stage by the teachers who inspired them the most. The evening also commended outstanding students in foreign language as well as those seniors who were praised by Principal Roger Stein to receive the Principal's Medallion.

This three hour long night was truly eventful to those who walked on stage more than ten times. It was emotionally "draining and confusing," replied sophomore Andrew Heckerling. "I honestly didn't know when I was supposed to get ready and stand in line by the stage. So when I heard my name, a couple times I went flying down the aisle and made it on stage just in time." On top of confusion, Heckerling like most students, was nervous and afraid of tripping on stage. But the night went on without a hitch. Junior Rizwana Patel stated, "I was up for a couple things, and the first time went by fine, but the second time I really could've used that guy standing by the stairs to help me get down. The stairs seemed to get steeper." After everyone received their awards, the butterflies disappeared and they all gathered in the cafeteria for some refreshments.

To most, this evening is a night of closure to a year of many hardships. Not only did those seniors who received Principal's Medallions and department awards get to experience fame on stage, but they experienced the privilege of having their pictures on the wall in the Hall of Honor. Joy!

Junior Archy Jamjun concentrates on the hand movements of the Thai Club's Lum Muay dance. Students such as Jamjun performed during the day as well as at night.

Korean Club president Susan Koo smiles happily during the Fan dance. Colorful costumes and beautiful music add to the fine performances at International Night.

Jelena Petkovic closes her eyes as fellow club members whisk her around and around during the Serbian Folklore dance.

As the Chinese Club dance comes to an end, sophomore Mi-Young Kim smiles brightly. International Night is fun for both those who attend and those who participate.

all in a night's work

Pages by Sue Semaszczuk

Have you ever noticed how many types of different nationalities there are in this school? Have you ever wondered what makes them so different from or similar to each other? International Night provides students a chance to find out.

International Night really started during the day on November 17, when the assemblies gave students a first hand look at the night ahead. The night started off with the Croatian Club performing the dance Herxzegovia and the Hellenic Club soon after performing the Hasapiko and Pendozali dances. Then the Obon dance was demonstrated by the Japanese Club. The Thai Club, presenting the Lum Muay dance, was followed by the Korean Club and the Fan dance. Later, the Chinese Club performed a dance that involved some members of the audience. The Serbian Club came next with a Serbian folklore dance and then came the famous Indo-Pak fashion show. The Israeli Club demonstrated a folk dance. The Filipino Club performed the Singkil dance and senior Jeimmie Nevalga sang Nakapagtataka.

After seeing International Night, you know that everyone is different, but also very alike. It doesn't matter what people are. What matters is who they are. They are our friends and maybe even our family.

Members of the Croatian Club sing their hearts out during the Herzegovina dance. Native clothing and food add to the atmosphere.

What awful seats, we can barely see the stage! Actually, this is just a picture designed to show the great holiday decorations which added to the holiday mood.

Band members Tiffany Sakolsky and Nina Schwartz try to keep their hands warm inside their French horns. Well, not really. French horn players place their hands in the bell to alter the volume of their playing.

on the twenty-second day of december . . .

by Pin Lin

. . . students from the music department arrived at school at 6:30PM for their yearbook pictures. The winter holidays were coming, and tonight was the night to celebrate. "Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? . . . "

Yet, with school work piling up on every student's desk, the holidays were hardly a time for celebration. Few Santa hats were seen in the hallways, and even fewer sleigh bells were heard echoing throughout the school. "Jingle bells. Jingle bells. Jingle all the way . . . "

Some of the old holiday magic came back when students in black and white filled the stage and orchestra pit. Due to the growth of the music department, there were two holiday concerts. The more experienced musicians performed in December, whereas the less experienced sang and played in January. "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire . . . "

Along with Symphonic Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Chamber Choir, and Master Singers, a new group was introduced to Niles West. Expressions, formerly the name for the advanced choir, was formed at the beginning of the year by choral director Paula Bachman. The totally voluntary practices were held once a week from 6:30PM to 9PM. Expressions can be labeled as a swing or jazz choir. "Cinnamon, cinnamon, don't forget the cinnamon . . . "

Some of the holiday magic returned after the FREE concert, but is the spirit of Christmas fading before our own eyes? Who has time to be jolly? Perhaps it is time for the three ghosts of Christmas to return the joy of the season. "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas . . . "

Choral director Paula Bachman remains in the shadows while conducting the members of Choraliers. Don't be shy-come into the light!

It's Alive!

by Julianna Zusstone

The longtime favorite children's story, *Pinnochio,* was brought to life on December 13,14, and 15. The annual children's theater production told the story of a lonely toymaker named Gepetto. Gepetto longs for a little companion, so he creates one out of wood. Since Gepetto has brought so much joy to others, a beautiful fairy bestows the doll, Pinnochio, with the gift of life and the adventure begins.

Rehearsals were long and often difficult for both the cast and crew. However, all their effort paid off on opening night. The audience was overwhelmed and enchanted by the magnificent performances and sets and their joyful reaction was gratitude enough for all the hard work.

The ever-so-famous Jiminy Cricket (freshman Sam Han) offers the most sensible advise, "Let your conscience be your guide."

Naughty, naughty, naughty! When children do whatever they please, only bad things can come of it. Junior Matt Jeans cracks the whip to keep things rolling along.

"Speak to me, Pinnochio!" After a most fearful escape from the whale, tears trickle in Gepetto's eyes as the fear of losing Pinnochio becomes more realistic. Senior Jessie Winograd put in a fine performance to cap off his already impressive theater career.

Entrusting Pinnochio with a book to go to school, Gepetto warns him of all the dangers of the world. Reluctant and rather nervous, Pinnochio promises to be careful.

Equality And We Shall Be Free

by: Deborah Acker

As the lights closed, the Martin Luther King Assembly began, and principal Roger Stein welcomed the students of Niles West. After the president of the African American Club spoke, the Director of Fine Arts and Social Studies, Careda Taylor, sang "He Lives." After this, the members of the African American Club honored Dr. King with a choral poem. They chanted "Equality and we shall be free!", a powerful phrase expressing the beliefs of the civil rights leader. The officers of various ethnic clubs came out to salute the international peacemakers of numerous countries. Finally, Steve Cobb and Chavunduka sang two very powerful songs, "Power of Faith" and "Hero", to represent Martin Luther King Jr. and his cause. During "Hero", slides of Dr. King were shown. This concluded a very emotional assembly which young and old alike will remember.

Principal Roger Stein began the assembly with a few words on Martin Luther King Jr. Many ethnic groups recognized Dr. King's goals when saluting international peace leaders.

Chavunduka and her backup singers pay tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. through song. Chavunduka's debut recording was released by the record label Cobbala Records.

Freshman Tony Jones salutes the great civil rights leader with his speech, "A Man and His Mission." Many racial groups still struggle to overcome prejudice.

Members of the freshman girls basketball team get a pep talk from coach Frank Houlihan during halftime. The girls won their Pack the Place weekend game against cross-town rivals Niles North.

Junior Ticha Maleegrai shows off her balancing skills during pre-game warm-ups. The varsity girls basketball team won their game 42-40.

Senior Steve Brown shows some power and takes the ball to the hoop. Brown is co-captain at the varsity level.

pack it up, pack it in- pack the place

Pack the Place is a combination of an assembly and a game. The winter sports teams display their ability in an assembly during the day. Most of the games are played later that day. However, some of the teams have a tendency to carry on throughout the weekend.

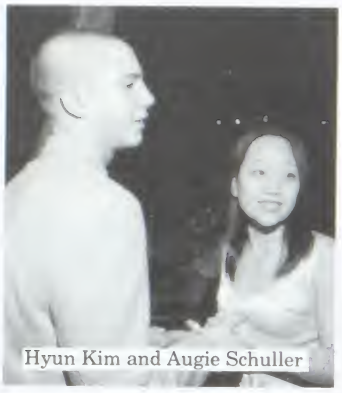
The purpose of Pack the Place is to ***Pack the Place,*** and raise money for the program. It gives the athletes the desire to win because of the friends and the family members in the stands. Pack the Place is like the Homecoming for the winter sports, minus the dance.

Pack the Place proved to be worthwhile. Although, the crowds didn't sell out, the boys and the girls varsity basketball teams both won their games. The boys played Chicago Roosevelt and the girls played their cross town rival, Niles North. The boys had a cake walk as they trampled Roosevelt. The girls won a close game and proved that "West is Best!"

Sophomore Collen McKenna takes it to them. McKenna was one of the outstanding players on the team.

Sophomore Mike Deguia blows by a Roosevelt defender. Both sophomore basketball teams won their Pack the Place games.

Freshman Gabie Fonzetie looks to the outlet during a Pack the Place game. Fonzetie was one of the leading scorers on the freshman team.

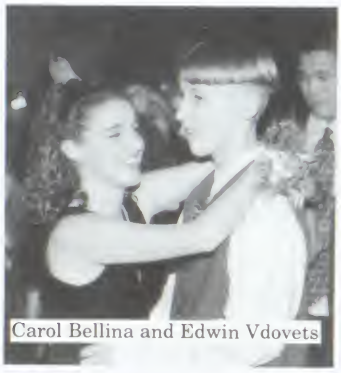


Hyun Kim and Augie Schuller

AnneMarie Lochner and Josh Boysen

Turn it around! AnneMarie Lochner and Matty Brown

Beverly Aperieto and Ray Oroc



Carol Bellina and Edwin Vdovets

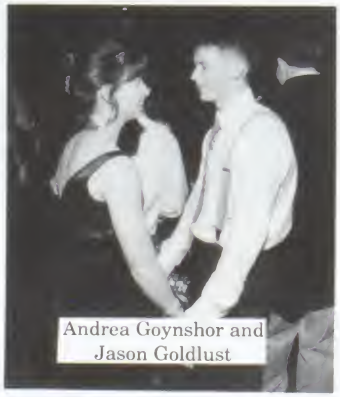
Mike Cimmarusti and Nick Cimmarusti

Lanie Manta and Seth Rosenberg

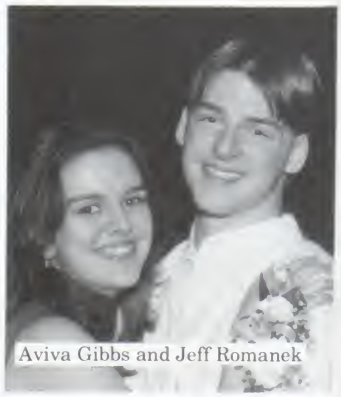
Seniors, Lisa Pocztowski and date George Rhee gaze deeply in each others eyes as they embrace in a slow song. For the class of '96 the "Underwater Escape" was the last dance held at Niles West.

Ticha Maleegrai and Jason Abbey

Jenn Reifenberg and Dan Kim



Andrea Goynshor and Jason Goldlust



Aviva Gibbs and Jeff Romanek

Senior Gerald Gutierrez and Junior Cyrus DeOcampo "break it down" with their twin dates, Dara and Dina Jenthanomma. This dance gives the students a chance to show off their moves.

Seniors, Lannie Manta and Brett McGovern strut their stuff on the dance floor. Student Union was in charge of organizing the Turnabout dance.

Sophomores Jamie Kane, Alinda Muszynski, Colleen McKenna, Jamie Hayden and Lisa Boldt take time out to smile for the camera.

Taking time away from their dates Seniors Shana Quinn, Mina Ristev, Jenny Hastings, and Lizzy Sajadi have a moment for 'just the girls'.

TURN THE BEAT AROUND

The underwater castle gleamed in the spotlight, sea horses were glittering, the music was blaring, and couples were dancing the night away. On February 24, 1996 the "Underwater Escape" took place in the Niles West Gym.

This dance was unique because of the fact that it was the girls turn. Ladies from all different grade levels experienced the anxious adrenaline pumping feeling before, during, and after asking that special someone to turnabout. Even though the dance provided great music for dancers to enjoy, many people felt that the best part of the night came afterward.

When asked what people did to keep the spirit of the night alive, junior Chrissy Maghopoy responded, "I had a lot of fun with my close friends after the dance. We had dinner at Italian village downtown, then we rented out an ice rink and went ice skating at the Skokie Stadium then enjoyed each others' company for the rest of the night."

"The best part of the night was dinner at the Black Ram and going Karokeing in Chicago," said freshman, Juliet Chong.

Sophomore Beverly Aprieto said, "It was great hanging out at our friends house for awhile then eating at Planet Hollywood."

"I had the most fun being with 25 other of my friends in our own room at dinner at Salvatore's," senior, Carol Bellina said.

All in all, the "Underwater Escape", turnabout 1996, was a night many people will remember. Who could forget the enchanting decorations, fantastic music, but most importantly the bonding time spent with a special person and closest of friends.

FEED ME, SEYMOUR!

by Pin Lin

On the eighth day of the month of March, in a last year of a decade the very same as our own, the human race suddenly encountered a deadly threat to its very existence. And this terrifying enemy surfaced- as such enemies often do- in the seemingly most innocent and unlikely of places.

With director Robert Johnson's voice resonating "I would never ask you to do something that I would not do myself," the enormous cast and crew worked for about eight, agonizing weeks to put together *Little Shop of Horrors.*

Narrated by six tough street-girls called the Ronnettes, the story of Seymour the nerd (played by senior Paul Vranas) unfolds against the setting of Skid Row, a dump worse than downtown, Chicago. Seymour, who has spent his entire life in Skid Row, works in a little flower shop with the bleached-blonde Audrey, the love of his life (junior Nicole Sutherland). An insecure, naive, unsuccessful little man, Seymour finally takes over the spot light with a new-found plant species that he bought from an old Chinese guy "for a dollar ninety-five". Audrey II, the name which Seymour gave it, turns out to be a talking alien flytrap with a taste for human blood. In the midst of killing people to feed the Audrey II, the innocent love between Seymour and Audrey develops; and the show ends with a bang as the plant dominates the stage with chorus members backstage singing, "Lookout! Here comes Audrey II! . . . Don't feed the pla-a-ants."

Junior Jessica Elkayam, one of the six Ronnettes, said, "*Little Shop* is a musical that thrives on energy and is filled with sarcastic comedy, greedy people, and BLOOD!"

Another of the six "hip" Ronnettes, sophomore Aviva Gibbs, added, "This show is especially enjoyable due to the extreme size and color of the action. Every scene is one huge animated spectacle after another."

When asked what set this show apart from the others, senior Matt Joseph, Audrey II's body, stated "a big set". The "big set" consists of two street facades from opposite sides, Mushnik's Skid Row Flower Shop (before and after), a dentist's office, hanging vines that cover the stage, two wooden fire escapes built over the side steps that lead up to the stage, a drop with the *Little Shop* logo, and an auditorium of hanging leaf vines and leaves.

"People should pity actors for picking such a stressful and risky and unpredictable hobby. And then to make a career out of it! I love it!" confessed senior Valerie Dorizas, another of the Ronnettes.

To embellish Dorizas's remarks, senior Paul Vranas, replied, "I love acting like there is no tomorrow. I cannot thrive without theater. The mere prospect of not having such a great theater department at Niles West brings great pain to my inner being." (Hmmm . . .)

With the complications of bad weather, missing cast members, missing props, not enough body microphones, or feedback from the microphones, one might wonder why people join theater. "A fun cast" and "A once in a lifetime opportunity" from freshman plant voice, Tom Vranas, "It's nothing like real life or my life" adds junior Ronnette, Beth Dobrowolski, and "camaraderie among cast and crew" from senior Ronnette, Amanda McCormick, answer this question.

All in all, *Little Shop of Horrors* was a smashing hit. English teacher and *West Word* sponsor David Klingenberger was so impressed by this "light and funny show" that he even offered extra points for a written review of the show.

With mismatched flannel clothing, Seymour (senior Paul Vranas) belts out one of his many solos. Vranas plays a very active role in theatre and holds the position of vocal director for the student produced musical, *Working.*

Bruised and broken Audrey (junior Nicole Sutherland) tells of why she cannot leave her abusive boyfriend. The famous man-eating plant of *Little Shop of Horrors* was an expensive rented piece of prop that the show could not live without.

Mushnik and the Ronnettes listen to an announcement that Seymour says on the radio about the famous plant, Audrey II. Sophomore David Persky successfully made his debut as Mushnik, the money-loving flower shop owner.

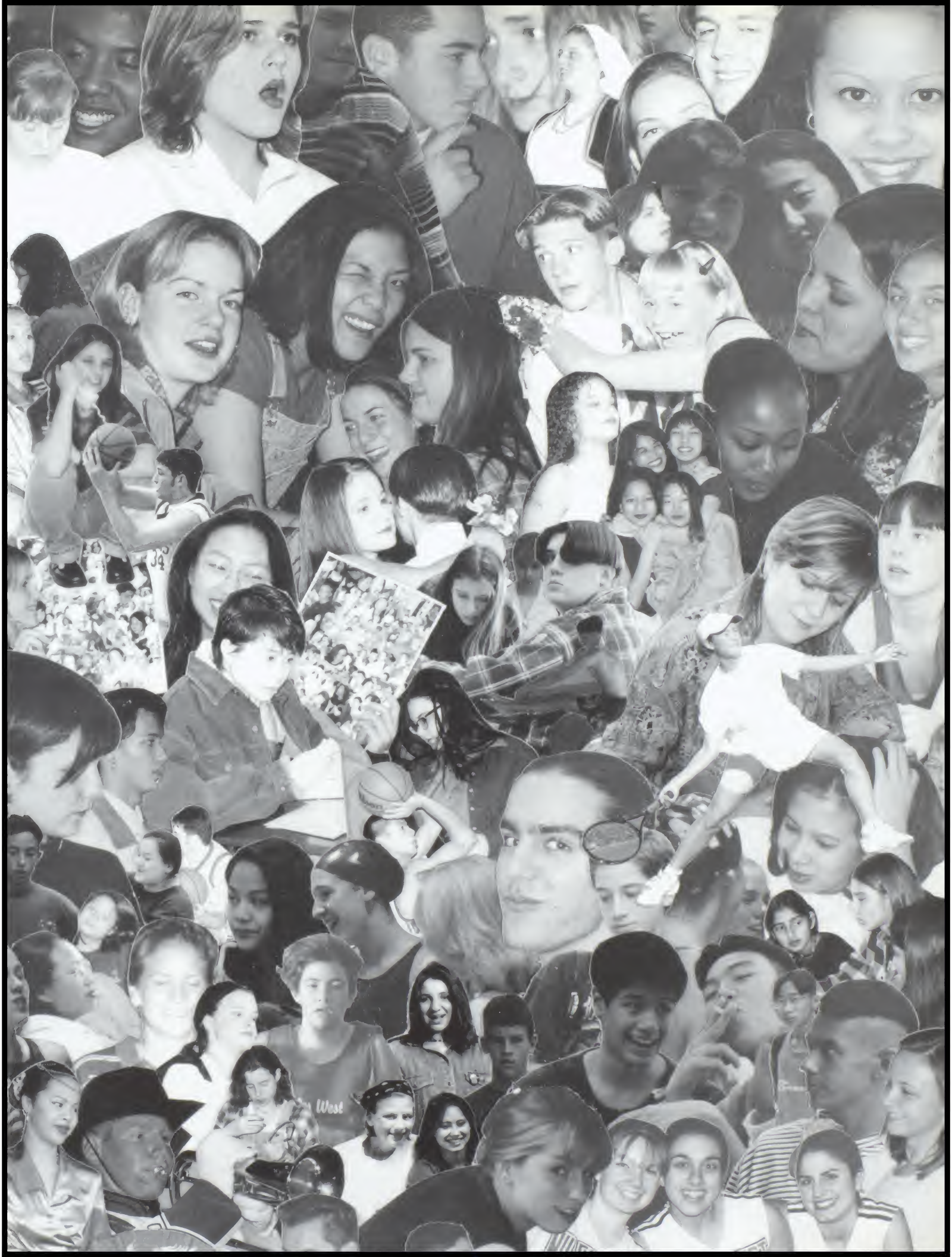
From the pit, freshman Tom Vranas (Audrey II's voice) exclaims, " . . . and you aren't in Kansas either . . . " It took two people to operate the plant and about ten crew members to hold it up for the finale.

Holding a bloody bucket and a human limb with blood-soaked gloves, Seymour (senior Paul Vranas) unwillingly feeds Audrey II. The role of the plant's body placed a constant strain on the back; senior Matt Joseph had to wear a back brace to protect himself.

Orin (senior Jesse Winograd), your everyday macho dentist, tries to force Seymour's mouth for a little operation. Winograd can also be seen as president of Thespians Club and director of *Working*.

1995-1996

Area code changes from 708 to 847
Big, ugly schedule change issue—nothing happened
Bosnia
Brad Pitt wins Golden Globe for best actor
Calvin and Hobbes discontinued
Calvin Klein makes scandalous ads
Colin Powell almost runs for president
EAZY-E dies of AIDS
Government shuts down
Governor Edgar lets Guen Garcia live
Idsack Rabien assassinated
Jerry Garcia dies
Julia Roberts and Jean Claude Van Damme guest star on *Friends*
Mars creates the blue M&M—tan is forgotten
Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley married and—divorced
New rule about loitering in the halls after school
O.J. Simpson found NOT GUILTY—"The Juice Is Loose!"
Skokie Public Library is threatened with bomb
Snoop Doggy Dog on trial for murder
Students are allowed to have Walkmans in the cafeteria
There is a new cast on Saturday Night Live
West Word wins honors
You are pouring your eyes over the finally published '96 *Spectrum*



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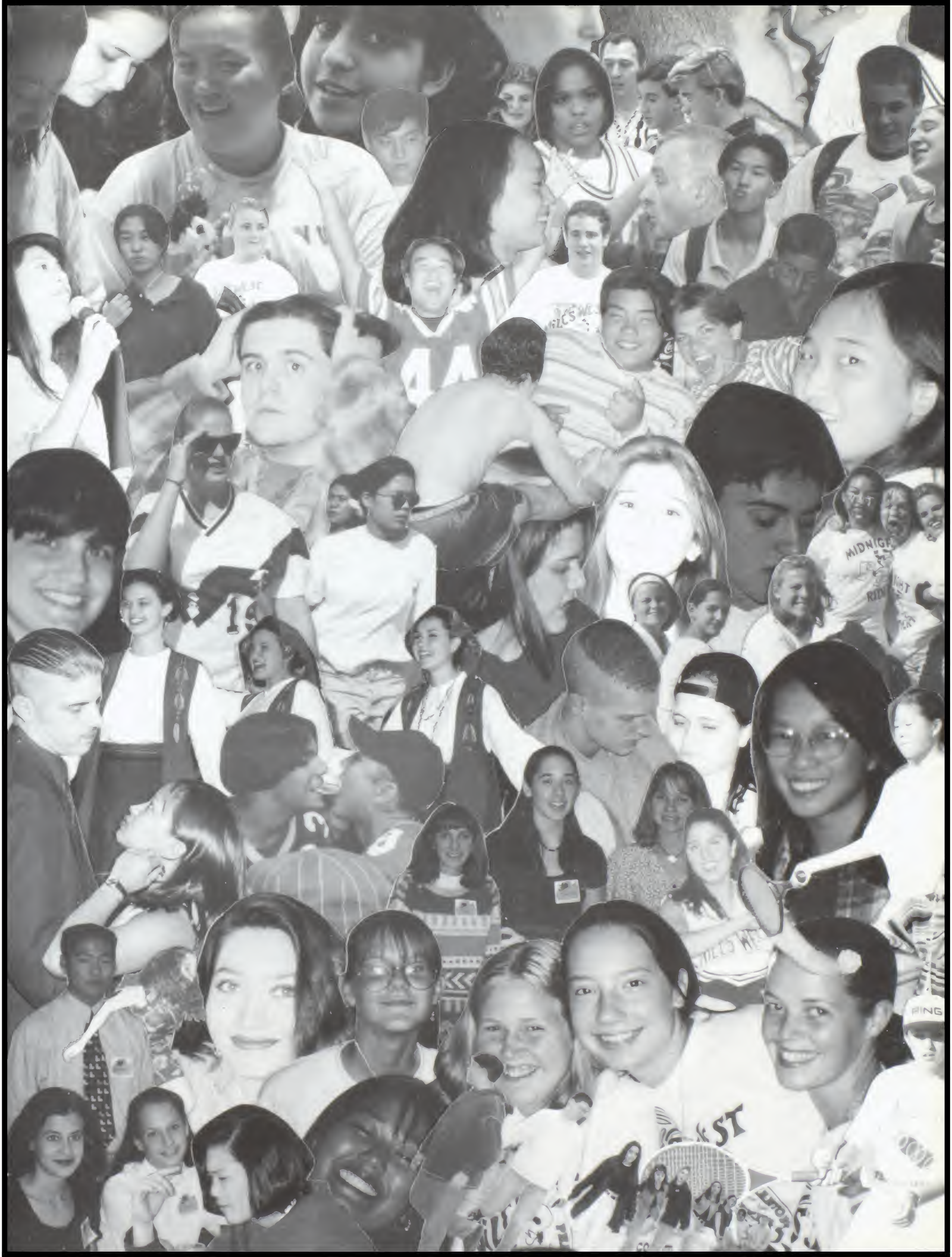


Glide

Deep Space '96

No one ever said that senior year was so much work. All I ever heard was, "Senior year is the blow-off year." I do not think so. True, once one becomes a senior, one gets to take interesting courses such as Literature of Moral Conflict. Then, if one gets such a teacher as Michele Lewis, on can fight thai-kaw-do like seniors Melissa Taormina and James Flores (top). However, if one just happens to be like me, one will be weighed down with tons of college applications and scholarship forms. Of course, there are always exceptions such as seniors Dan Krop, Paul Olejarczuk, and Jesse Winograd (left) who seems to be able to get everything done and still have fun. Get it, one?

Uzma Abbasi
Lateef Abdulaziz
Deborah Acker
Lisa Acker

Samella Aguilar
Leilani Ahsam
James Ahn
Fouzia Akhter

Lilian Au
Vivian Au
Megan Bach
Carol Beationg

Madonna Balauag
Melinda Balk
Nicole Bandur
Daniel Bartl

Alphonso Bautista
Patricia Belesiotis
Carol Bellina
Scott Berger

Steve Adams
Basel Adhami
Gabe Adler

Amy Albrecht
Antonio Alejandro
Adam Ashbach

Senior Katie Hedrick puts forth her best effort to concentrate on her studies. Most homework is completed during free mods in either the cafeteria or the Oakton Lobby. *Photo by Annie Jackson*

Fourth Time Around

by Sue Semaszczuk

Finally, you have made it. As freshmen you became human penny targets, object of teasing, pranks, and all the rest that you probably remember. As the days passed, you looked forward to the day it would end. Was it really that bad? Of course it was.

Sophomore year was a little better, but you were still considered a freshman at heart. Since you were a sophomore, you attained the ability to yell, "Go home, freshmen". Although not a freshman, you were still an underclassman. The difference? New pep assembly seats. That made everything worthwhile.

Junior year, you are almost there. Now, you have become an upperclassman. What comes with the territory? Well, there is the PSAT, the real SAT, the ACT, and of course, more homework. The good stuff? Midnight Riders and you get to start bugging your parents for their car or for your own because by now you have earned a driver's license.

SENIOR YEAR!!!!! The fourth and final year. Now, your chance has come. It is your turn to get the freshmen. Though you will soon leave Niles West, it will bring you back to your high school days. Even though you might want to leave, the class of '96 and Niles West will always be a part of you that you will share with new friends and old. But then the cycle starts over again in college!

Khelan Bhatt
Eve Bilotas
Meena Bodiwala
Rodolfo Bonilla

Jenny Bonner
John Boudouvas
Corey Bregman
Brad Brown

Steve Brown
Thomas Budzik
Piyatida Buranatum
Michael Burns

Christine Calayag
Carla Cali
Juan Cardenas
Erik Carlsen

Andrea Catiis
Paula Cavar
Deborah Cha
Joyce Chan

PAIN

So Hui Chong

Dressed in a deep red executive suit, senior Tina Susa, while waiting to get her picture taken, leafs through a *Root* pamphlet. Although most students are expected to take yearbook pictures, the outrageous cost may make some reconsider.

by So Hui Chong

Everybody will have the choice of going through this at least once during their senior year. I have talked to many people and they said that it was just a pain in the butt, but, even so, senior portraits are one last reminder of what we were like in high school. "It must have been trainee's day when I went. What was supposed to be a twenty minute sitting turned into an hour of terror," remarked senior Brad Brown. The question, then, is why actually go through all that hassle? Many people have spent more time and money on their senior portraits than in their prior picture taking experiences. It is safe to assume many go through hell to actually look decent in them. After all the hassle and finances, how do you justify your deed? You just hand the pictures out as if they were not worth a penny. All this for your face to be remembered by high school acquaintances. Senior pictures are supposed to be a big deal. After all, this may be the last chance you get to commemorate your youth. Then again, many people disagree with the amount of money and time that should be spent on these windows to the past.

If it is such a terror, why do some choose to go through the trouble of spending time and money anyway? Maybe the whole picture thing should just be forgotten. Must people take pictures just because they want to be in the yearbook? Personally, being able to take a simple yearbook picture like we did our freshmen, sophomore, and junior years sounds fine to me.

Senior Dana Rzechula asks yearbook supervisor Michele Lewis for help with her layout. Congratulations to Michele Lewis who was blessed with the arrival of Abagail in the month of November.

Gary Chen
Kris Chinosornvatana
Deborah Choe

Sung Choe
Young Choi
So Hui Chong

SUMMER

by Annie Jackson

The summer of 1995 would be considered the summer of all summers. It would be our last summer with the class of 1996. After graduation, we would all go our separate ways.

I talked to several seniors from the graduating class of 1996, and their summers were not just fun and games. Some students were a little concerned about their senior years.

Steve Plonka had a very busy summer. He worked, had fun, and worried about school. Although Plonka had fun by going to the beach, the pool, and some parties, he did not forget the more serious side of life. Plonka said that he was concerned about getting a good score on the ACT. He also said that a good ACT score would make a very big difference when applying to colleges. The one thing that did stick out in his mind was that he would have to get good grades throughout the first semester. Slacking would not get him anywhere. Plonka had an intense summer, but still managed to relax and have fun.

For Kim Minx the summer was all but ordinary. From activities at the Response Center to baby-sitting, life was not just fun and games. Minx did not visit any colleges or prepare for her senior year because she had already picked out her college and chosen her major. College was also the least of her worries because her life as about to change! "While preparing for my sister's wedding, my brother surprised us all by running away and getting married first. I became an aunt and a sister in one day!" proclaimed Minx.

Moving to another state can be a very uplifting experience. For senior Melanie Fletcher, that was just the case. She moved just two days before school started. During her summer, she had visited some colleges. Much of her spare time was spent having fun just like everyone else. She went to the beach and hung around with her friends.

Most seniors said that a good portion of their summer was devoted to working. Other seniors had the opportunity to get some of their college visits out of the way before school. Along with all the pain and suffering of working and worrying, everyone managed to have fun.

After an exiting summer, seniors, Katie Winer and Rebecca Robertson hurry out of the parking lot to make it to homeroom on time. Arriving to homeroom on time is still a concept that seniors have yet to grasp.

Dianne Cochran
Evan Cohan
Jennifer Connelly

Jennifer Cordone
Peter Costianis
Anthony Czupryna

Dimitra Dallas
Nicole Dammon
Michael Derengowski
Sabine Desir

Rashedul Din
Carla Dobre
Jacqueline Done
Jason Done

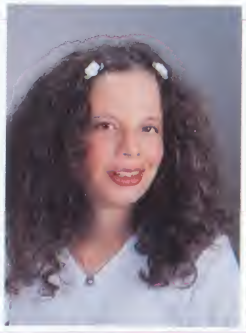
Valerie Dorizas
Darlene Dulaitis
Milena Dzamic
Matthew East

Eric Eastman
Jason Eiseman
Sharon Emocling
Ali Farahnaz

Farah Foroqui
Gary Farr
Alicia Feaster
Rachel Federman

Gina Ferentz
Michael Fernandez
Melanie Fletcher
James Flores

Jane Froman
Helen Galiotos
Alex Garcia
Kathryn Gascon



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Amanda Glick
Katie Gockenbach
Lisa Godeman

Bethany Goldberg
Marko Golumbovski
Janet Goreshnik
Andrea Goynshor

Michael Grochocki
Maris Grossman
Laura Gschwind
Colleen Gubbins

Louis Fong
Joseph Fonzetti
Brian Fortman
Gus Frangos

Catherine Gawron
Cheryl Geslani
Alexander Giannos
Svetlana Gilman

Senior Dana Rzechula takes time out to pose for the camera during a photography field trip. Rzechula is a Spectrum photographer and over the summer received an award during Herff Jones' yearbook camp for her photography skills.

Well into their high school careers, some seniors, such as Dan Krop, experience irrational locker withdrawal. This syndrome is accompanied by many symptoms, one of which is refusing to leave marked territory. *Photo by Nicole Bandar*

Michael Guevarra
Ashur Guliana

Gerald Gutierrez
Seong Ha

Lewis Hagedorn
James Han

Joseph Han
Karen Hansen

Peter Haralambopoulos
Timothy Harris

Values of a Lifetime

by Liz Wozniczka

"What is the most valuable info that you learned here at West?" O.K, fine. The first thing that comes to your mind is probably . . . nothing. "Are you kidding, what could I have possibly learned here?!" . . . (you exclaim.) But considering this question further, you will probably find yourself coming up with a number of different answers. Seniors, throughout four years of high school have some where along the line become mature and responsible . . . (well, there's still time for that.) For some, values such as handing essays in on time or studying at least two days before finals will stay with them. These skills can carry over to different tasks. Learning to manage time and work is valuable to know how to do. Among learning about manual tasks are the friendship do's and don'ts taught through many different lessons of (high school) life. Here are some replies that students gave upon being asked what the most valuable lesson they learned was:

"There's more to be learned outside of class, in the halls, and outside of school than there is inside the classrooms themselves." -Amy Sansone

"I didn't learn anything!" -Tania Sosa

"That every grade counts." -Patty Lapis

"Don't get caught off campus after 12:30." -(Too Short) Kristie Power

"Don't go to Pre-Homecoming intoxicated!" -S.A.

"Have a good time, take it easy and don't kill yourself over the littlest things." -Dave Reuter

"It is wise to be scholarly for the sake of scholarship. Nothing's more useful than a broad base of intelligence." -Mike Kudirka

Thanks to all for your time pondering for truthful answers and memories. Good luck in the future.

Arianne Harrison
Kevin Hart
Jennifer Hastings
Brian Hayden

Katherine Hedrick
Russell Hein
Tim Hendrickson
Koralia Hilas

Erik Hildebrandt
Richard Hoffman
Seth Horwitz
Hank Hsing

Il Tae Hwang
Jaehee Hwang
Amy Im
Misty Isaacson

Seniors Colleen Gubbins and Peter Costianis are seconds away from being trampled as they stand in the first floor hallway during passing period. Even though high school is filled with new faces, some old friends still keep in touch. *Photo by Nicole Bandur*

Senior James Flores describes the craftsmanship of his toy train collection. Literature of Moral Conflict is a class where you get the chance to express yourself in creative ways. *Photo by Nicole Bandur*

Anne Jackson
Cindy Jacobs
Anna Jameson
Susan Janossy

Jakleen Johnson
Karolin Johnson
Matthew Joseph
Ankur Joshi

Larry Kajmowicz
Brian Kane
Johnny Kang
Amy Kao

Peter Karonis
Neil Karshna
Tom Kasalo
Anna Kayaloglou

Shahbaz Kazi
Kira Keegstra
Gulzar Khoja
Linda Khoshaba

Leila Jasser
Ludmilla Jegier
Sheena John

Angelica Joson
Suzan Jusufi
Inna Kagan

Senior Jae Hee Hwang cautiously steps over homecoming sidewalk-chart art. The scarcely mentioned Midnight Riders is a club that contributes to the survival of school spirit.

Junior Ann Carrera and senior Anna Kayaloglou act out a scene from *Dr. Faustus* during their Literature of Moral Conflict class. This elective, unlike the standard English class, allows students to expand personal views dealing with philosophy, morality and religion. *Photo by Nicole Bandur*

Seniors Rebecca Robertson and Ron Policht exchange ideas while finishing work in the English Resource Center. Although last year the ERC usually remained empty and pleasingly odor-free, this year rats haven taken the liberty of choosing the ERC radiator to manifest their own communities.

Displaying enthusiasm and self-evident school spirit, senior Nicole Bandur waits patiently with junior Maria Trograncic and fellow classmate Marija Planinic. Bandur, after endless hours in the publication room, finally completed the senior section of *Spectrum*. Yes, just in case you have not figured it out yet, Bandur is the senior section supervisor.

"Simon says brain freeze . . . " Senior Dana Rzechula masters the art of flashing lights as classmate Mike Kudirka quickly calculates her reflex time using the scientific method. *Photo by Nicole Bandur*

Cathy Kim
Hyon Kim
Hyun Jung Kim
Jocelyn Kim
Karen Kim
Laura Kim

Sean King
Barry Klein
Alana Klufas
Jeff Kochikaran
Jacqueline Koma
Shion Komatsu

Simon Kong
Susan Koo
Kostadin Kostov
Kristina Kostova
Ted Kotas
Sophia Koutsouris

Cindy Koutsovitis
Stephanie Kouzoukas
Kent Kozlowski
Christopher Kriticos
Dan Krop
Diana Krzysik

Michael Kudirka
Vinod Kurian

Mark Kwon
Allison Kyte

Kiran Ladhani
Andrew Lagis

Peter Lai
Elaine Lamadrid

Andrew Lato
Caroline Lebe

Trip To College

by Tina Susa

Sometimes we have to step away from all of the fun and interesting things we are doing, leap into reality, and figure out what we want to do with our lives. Who knows what we will become after we leave here. Whether it is becoming a psychoanalyst or a garbage truck driver, it is necessary to have some idea before you leave high school. Here are some plans for bright futures from some cooperative students:

Gabe Adler: "I plan to go to college. I will probably be an entrepreneur, play soccer, maybe be in the World Cup."

Erik Hildebrandt: "Sleep!!!!! And go to work." Hildebrandt wants to be a teacher (science or history).

Kimberly Minx: "I plan to attend college, graduate, explore the world!" Minx wants to be fashion designer.

Felicia Vollmann: "I plan to attend a college for two years. Then I am going to transfer to a nursing school. Hopefully I will work in a health field - experiencing the outside profession." Vollmann wants to be a pediatric nurse or work in oncology.

Shaun McAuley: "I plan to go to college, graduate, um . . . come back to Niles West and say, 'Huh, you said I couldn't go to college and I did!'" McAuley wants to be a teacher of some sort, so he can come back to Niles West, teach the youth and coach football.

Chai Park: "After I graduate from a good university, I am planning to attend a graduate school, etc. Immediately after finishing all of my schooling, I'd like to take a year off to travel around the world. After that, I'm going to buy a Jaguar XJ12 and go to sleep." Park wants to be a pediatrician.

Sam Tzakis: "Get a job as a landscaper." A profession in itself.

Jennie Connelly: "I plan to go to college and become a lawyer."

Mike Shimanski: "I plan to go to college. Um, I might go to Oakton or Loyola. I'm going to study Law Enforcement and become the Cook County Sheriff. I plan to make my money for college by becoming a Chippendale Dancer (a stripper.) On my off nights, I will be a waiter at the Chippendale restaurant. My nickname will be Mr. Chip and now all I have to do is find a partner nicknamed Dale. Then we will open our own club and we'll be 'bumpin.'"

Helen Gallotos: "I plan to go to college at Northeastern or UIC (Chicago). Be young, have fun, and drink Pepsi. Make a lot of money, be successful and marry rich!"

George Tavoularis: "After high school, um, I'd like to go to college, maybe Loyola University or maybe somewhere in Toronto - just as long as there are many parties." Tavoularis wants to be anything from an actor to a geneticist. "P.S. Snoochie, boochie and Hail! MANOWAR FOREVER."

Tom Kasalo: "I'm going to open a landscaping business with Sam Tzakis." Kasalo wants to become a division one football player.

Kent Kozlowski: "I plan to stay here at home and go to Oakton. Change my name to Dale and become partners with Mike Shimanski." Kozlowski wants to become an electrician or, if not that, go to school and major in history.

Rex Quijano: "I'm going to college. Party. Chill. Hang with my friends."

Andrew Lee
Christel Lee
Christopher Lee
Danny Lee

Dennis Lee
Helen Lee
James Lee
Jane Lee

Jason Lee
Jimmy Lee
Joanne Lee
Mi Young Lee

Suzy Lee
Veronica Lee
Jordan Levine
Patricia Liapis

Seniors Lisa Pocztowski and Suzi Jusufi have fun wrapping the tree and themselves up with toilet paper. Who will win battle between the Midnight Riders and S.A.V.E.? Will the earth be saved or drown in a sea of toilet paper? *Photo courtesy of Lisa Pocztowski*

Rick Lidstrom
Hyun Kyung Lim
Julia Lin
Pin Lin
Anne Marie Lochner

Ruben Lopez
Stefan Lorincz
Emma Loyfman
Christie Mahnke
Mark Mallorca

Timothy Malooly
Lainie Manta
Daniel Maric
David Mart
Shaun McAuley

Amanda McCormick
Brett McGovern
Michelle Mechanic
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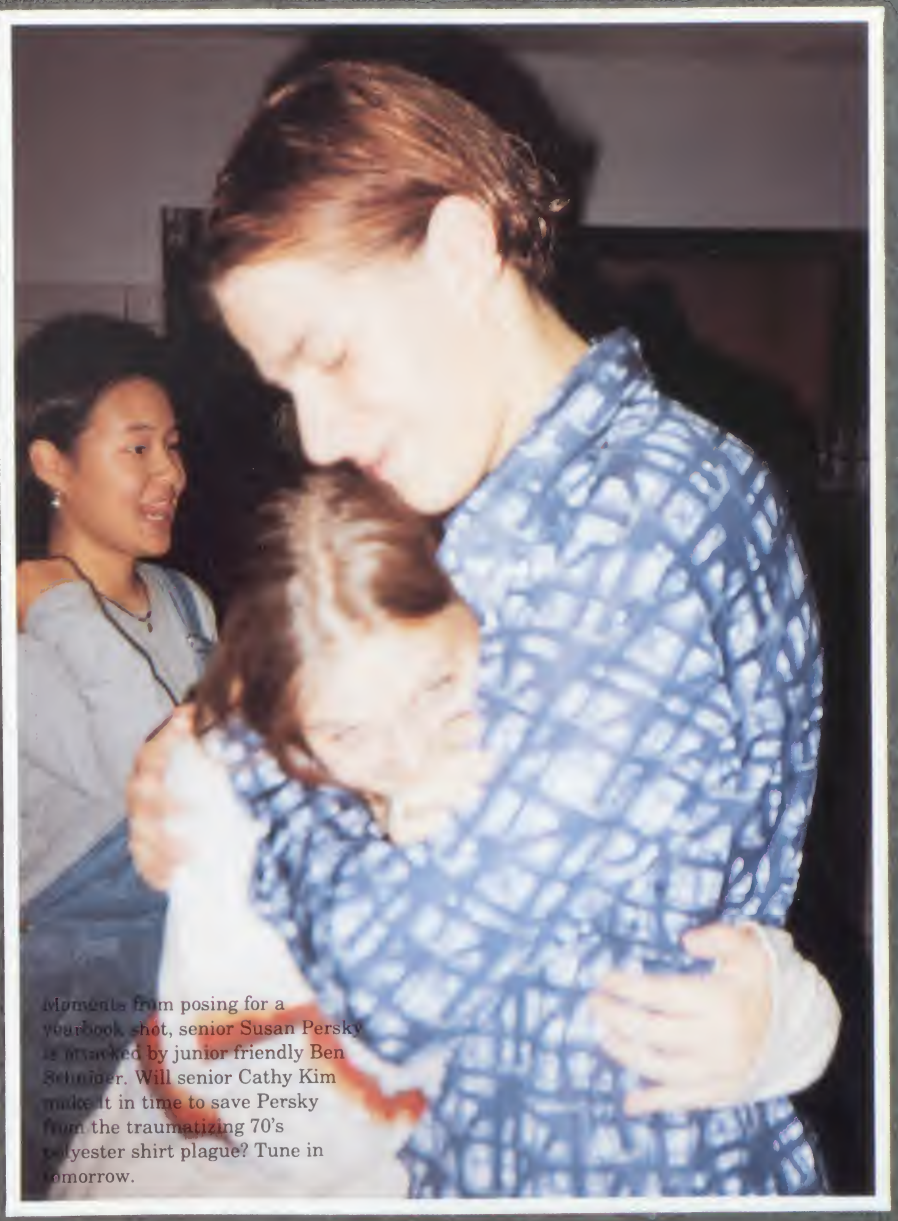

Moments from posing for a yearbook shot, senior Susan Persky is attacked by junior friendly Ben Schnider. Will senior Cathy Kim make it in time to save Persky from the traumatizing 70's polyester shirt plague? Tune in tomorrow.

by Dana Rzechula

Spectrum had the senior class take a survey. Approximately one hundred eighty students responded. Here are some of the results:

If they could be doing anything, they would be . . . " gambling, climbing in the Rockies, hang gilding, drag racing, partying, sleeping, overflowing bathrooms, getting high, art, hanging out with friends, drinking, having fun, vacationing in Europe, shopping, eating, playing video games, playing hockey, acid, not school, on a cruise, free falling, flying, just chilling, watching TV, on a beach, kissing the sky, talking to Steve, playing pool, blowing up the school, dancing, exploring different planets, sitting by a fireplace on a cold winter day tasting marshmallows and sharing a cup of cocoa with my girlfriend."

47% of the seniors surveyed said that they had used drugs.

10% of the seniors said that they had sold drugs.

53% said that they had had sex.

43% of the people who said that they had sex said that they have not always practiced safe sex.

22% of the seniors said that they watch too much TV.

The most important thing learned in high school was . . . "I am lazy, who I am, putting answers in my calculator, life sucks, Gustafson is God, physics, don't ditch class, peace of mind, how to figure out your teachers, not to care about anyone else thinks, study hard, have fun, beer is God, people are not the same as they look, musical composition/theory/history, moral values, have lots of sugar in the morning, people are stupid, to shut up, how to get drunk, how to challenge myself, what a 'good' person is, not to pick on someone bigger than you, fighting, violence is not the way, how to successfully go off campus, about friends and trust, how to be nice to others, watch your back, how to sleep, how to write essays, learning, get it while you can, soon you are gotta get married, life is hard, jack, do your best, the joys of marijuana, everyone is different, that someone would be stupid enough to name a candy 'Zagnut' or 'Zero', how to party, be the first to say 'Hi', look both ways before crossing the street, stay true to yourself, be careful, don't get caught, school sucks, righty tighty lefty loosely, how to use drugs, not to slack off, don't smoke on campus, individuality, how to cheat, stuff about myself, not to drink and drive, not to get up at the lunch table and leave your seat unattended."

The *Spectrum* staff would like to note that the accuracy of this information is directly proportional to the honesty of the people who filled it out. *Spectrum* would also like to note that alcohol is a drug although it was not mentioned in the survey.

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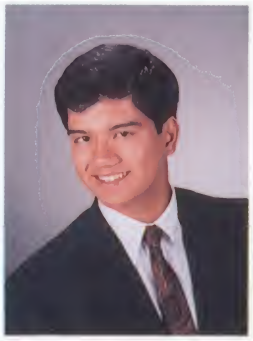

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Paul Olejarczuk

Jenny Olickal
Ray Oroc
Beth Otero
Alex Padiernos

Shirley Paek
Chol Pak
Angelo Palivos
Chai Park

Nitesh Moradia
Christina Mourans
Peggy Moy
Monica Mozdzinski

Shawn Nelson
Steve Neumayer
Jeimmie Nevalga
Lisa Neville

Senior John Vodopic falls fast asleep reading Crime and Punishment. The overload of homework often does not give students enough time to sleep at night, forcing them to make accommodations at school. *Photo by Nicole Bandur*

Pet Peeves

There are thirty seconds left during passing period and you are faced with the most excruciating journey from the gym to the science wing. Suddenly you notice yourself caught in the traffic. To the left and right of you, you find a couple going at it, and when you continue forward ready to dash to your far off destination, you find yourself entrapped behind forty freshmen, who think they have forever to get wherever. You turn around trying to escape and come face to face with other determined students pushing forward. Finally, after more pushing and shoving, you finally get through the mob into the open air just as the bell sounds, another worthless attempt and another darn detention. Hallway traffic is just one out of many pet peeves that the students at this school have. For instance, the search for cafeteria chairs during short lunch periods is an unnecessary hassle added to other stressful things related to school. Oh, and of course, we shouldn't fail to mention the sophomores and FRESHMEN, who don't know their area of the cafeteria, somehow always managing to sit in the upperclass section, becoming a strong factor in the shortage of chairs in that part of the cafe.

Various other people have their opinions on the weaknesses and annoyances of the school. For example, when students were asked what was the most aggravating thing about Niles West, this is what they answered.

"The generic lunches sold in the cafeteria for more than what they should be worth! I'd buy them if I could even tell what they were!"—Jeimme Nevalga '96

"DORIANNE WILLIAMS!!"—Chrissy Maghopoy '97

"When the freshmen chant 'Go Home Seniors!' during pep assemblies!"—Gerald Guttierez '96

"When a certain teacher always say 'crunch, crunch, crunch' or 'chunk, chunk, chunk,' "—Nick Dallas '96

"The unfair double standard in athletics, guys are given more support and money!! It's ridiculous!"—Kira Keegstra '96

"Big Red!!"—Anonymous

Different people have different perspectives. However, after one or two years, when you're an Upperclassman, you can discover various strategies to work around your pet peeves. Unfortunately some things, like hallway traffic, can never be resolved. But "if you can't handle running with the big dogs, stay on the porch."

Sandy Park
Eric Parsill
Veronica Pasia
James Patdu
Avani Patel

Bhavesh Patel
Kalpna Patel
Michael Patel
Rizwana Patel
Shefali Patel

Sima Patel
Diane Pathieu
Magdalena Pawlik
Joshua Pechter
Laureen Perez

Nicholas Peronti
Susan Persky
Leilani Peto
Marija Planinic
Steve Plonka

Olga Plotkina
Heather Poch
Lisa Pocztowski
Ronald Policht
Kristi Power

Thursday, October 5, 1995

Dear Diary,

Guess what! I finally made it to one of those after school IMEA rehearsals, and of course, with my luck, right in the middle of *God is Seen*, Paula Bachman (choral director) received a phone call. It was from Ron Stern, head-producer of that about-to-open Rosemont Theater. It seems that the theater had booked Barry Manilow, a seventies pop star, for their gala opening. His performances start a week from today, however, someone overlooked the fact that Manilow had requested, in his contract, a local choir for background. Niles West was recommended by a good friend of Stern's, who was also father of someone in Choraliers. With only a week until the concerts, they were desperate. So, instead of the usual audition methods, Stern called Bachman. Bachman is not really sure whether or not to participate. I really do not blame her. Gee, there are only IMEA auditions. Expressions rehearsals, the homecoming game and parade, and, of course, the dance coming up. What is the big deal about squeezing something else in? (I am being sarcastic.) Be back with more information.

Friday, October 6, 1995

Dear Diary,

Yes, we are going! Bachman talked to all four of the choirs today and asked for volunteers. After school, thirty-one people showed up. Quoting junior Fumika Takasaki, "It is an once-in-a-lifetime thing. I will never make it to showbiz. I did not know Barry Manilow, but I went because I heard that he was famous." Do not worry, Fumika. Like I really listen to Barry Manilow. He probably lost all his hair when I was still wearing diapers.

Monday, October 9, 1995

Dear Diary,

I went to school even though we did not have school. **I need a life!** No, I went to a Barry Manilow rehearsal. It was two and a half hours long. All we had to work with was unreadable sheet music, a sample video tape of some guy in a blue blazer (who I assume is Barry Manilow), and a sing-along cassette. The two songs, *I Write the Songs* and *It's a Miracle* were really not that hard; but they were just so stupid. "I write the songs that make the young girls cry." Gag me. I asked senior Michelle Michonski why she was going, and she said, "I was not going to Homecoming, and I was available. I want to minor in music, and this will look good on my resume." I hope that I am not wasting my time on something that is going to turn out really bad.

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Dear Diary,

Boy, do I have a long entry for you. Let's see. We had a rehearsal again yesterday after school. Since there were only three basses and three tenors, I volunteered to sing tenor. Stupid! My throat killed afterwards.

Anyway, right after school today, all of us jumped into a bus that took us to Rosemont Theater. Boy, was that bus driver mean! As if we were not nervous enough, he actually yelled at us for singing on the bus.

We got to the theater, and it was beautiful on the outside. I was expecting some kind of empty room where we can warm up, but they led us down to a stuffy basement that was still under construction. Hello, was that a hint?

Debra Byrd, choral leader and one of the "official" Barry Manilow backup singers, came and tried to help us polish up the two pieces of music. We are to swing on one piece and hop on our tippie-toes for the other. Urkkkk. Other than that, she was actually pretty nice. She said, 'Think of 'Hey, hey, Al' to remember the notes and rhythms." (one of those you-have-to-be-there moments)

The bus dropped us off at school after the rehearsal, so that we could all go home and change. There were, however, nine of us that went to district IMEA auditions instead of opening night. I started talking to sophomore Andrew Dahan about the Barry Manilow thing, and the editor-in-chief of the yearbook (I just had to add that) in me asked him what the hardest thing was. He said, "It is an experience not to miss. My date for Homecoming was more supportive than disappointed. I had asked her the night before I found out about Barry Manilow. Breaking the date was the hardest thing." Why does everyone have a date for Homecoming except for me? Daaah, stupid question.

Well, I guess I did pretty well at the auditions, but I am just so pooped after the rehearsal that I really do not care. I wonder how they did at the performance.

Friday, October 13, 1995

Dear Dairy,

After marching down Oakton during the Homecoming parade, swimming at the swim meet, and marching the half-time show at the Homecoming game, I finally ran to the bus with Fumika and my whole band uniform on. Tonight was my first night, performing with Barry Manilow. It was actually pretty cool, but I am so tired right now that I will write about it tomorrow. Good night.

Saturday, October 14, 1995

Dear Diary,

We were wonderful tonight! The whole crowd was doing that *We are the World* thing. You know, the swinging while holding a lighter thing. It was pretty dorky, except almost everyone was doing it.

It was freezing when they brought us out of that musty basement to line up for the two finals. I remember my palms sweating, and then, just like that, we were on. At the beginning of the piece, there was a curtain in front of the choir. It was misty and almost translucent. When we got to the part when only the choir sang, they raised the curtains. Barry Manilow, in contrast to the death look he gave us the night before, actually turned around and smiled. Knock me over, and tickle me funny. The crowd was roaring after *I Write the Songs*. When we started *It's a Miracle*, everything was perfect. We already knew what to expect and were ready to dazzle the audience. I was standing smack in the middle with nothing in front of me! So, while we were doing those hop on your toes things, I was busy thinking about not flipping over and falling on the band. Barry Manilow was in front of the stage, so he was safe from me. All of a sudden, it was over.

Sunday, October 15, 1995

Dear Diary,

The performance did not go as well as it did last night. I guess that was because this is our last night. Not that I love Barry Manilow now or anything, but I really have thoroughly enjoyed myself. There is something about the lights, sound effects, and ticket prices of a professional theater that just make everything seem so magical. I mean, when is the next time that someone is going to pay eighty bucks to hear me sing? Never? I will never forget the thrill of these three nights, and I do not think that any of the other thirty-some people will either. Hey, it is better than TGIF! Until our next adventure!

Love ya,
Pin Lin

Seniors Steve Brown and Lorena Marino sit in the cafeteria during lunch mods to sell this year's Homecoming bids. Student Union is the organization in charge of school dances and fund raising events.

After realizing that earth is composed of mud and dirt, senior Eric Nees moves to a place he believes to be more sterile - the sidewalk. During a yearbook field trip Nees had the pleasure of attending three lecture sessions all about layout production.

Michael Prato
Katherine Quinn
Shana Quinn
Marissa Ramos
Nitin Rao

Marko Ratic
David Reuter
George Rhee
Andrew Riedel
Anita Ripalda

Jasmina Ristev
Rebecca Robertson
William Roiniotis
Elke Roman
Rosemarie Romano

Seth Rosenberg
Brian Rozycki
Dana Rzechula
Rambod Saeedi-Fard
Sylvia Sainski

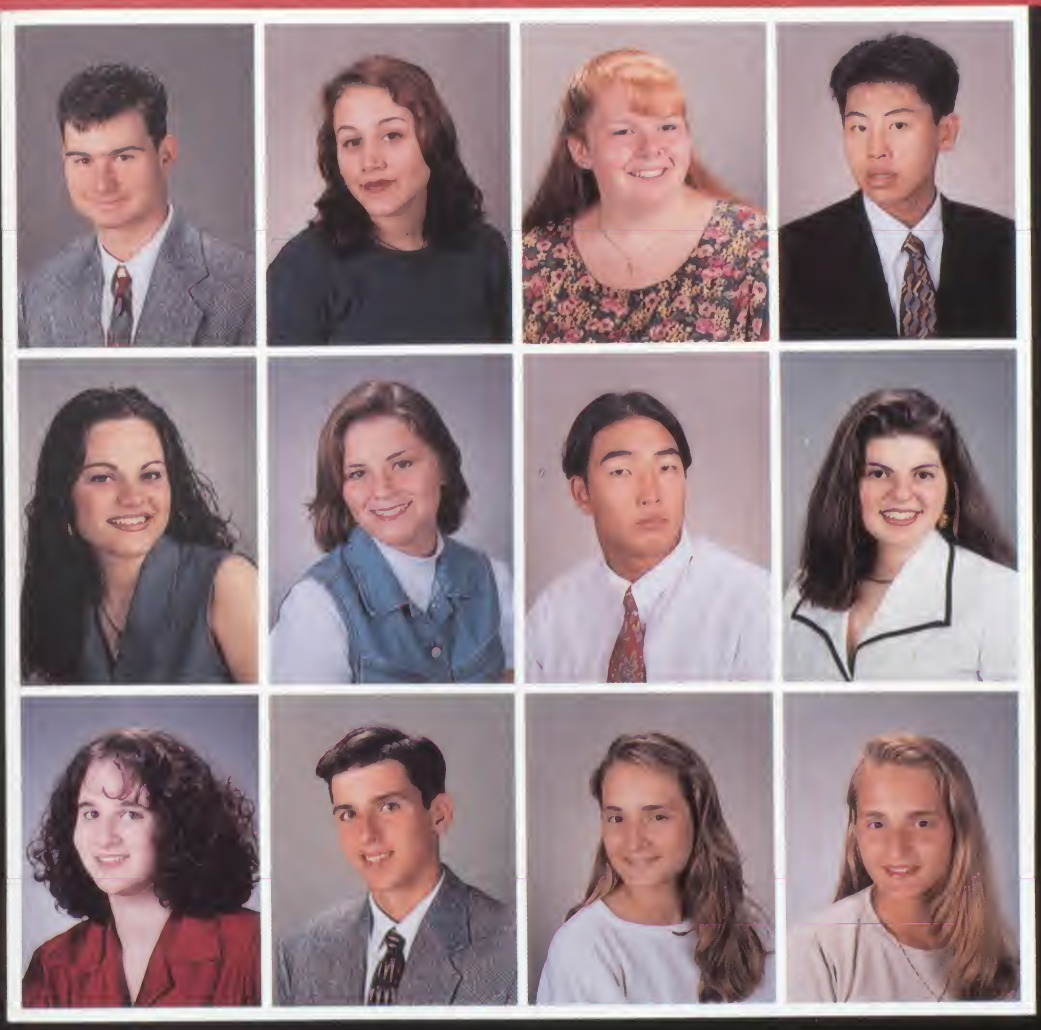
Elisabeth Sajadi
John Saltis
Elham Sarabipour
Tania Sassounes
Michael Schmidt

Senior Julie Driscoll and friend stop to smile during their lunchtime in the cafeteria. As an upperclassman, one has the option to either go out to lunch or feast in the lovely Cafe West.

Brian Schoen
Danny Scorte
Asma Shakir
Jung Shim

Mike Shimanski
Elizabeth Shin
Barbara Siargos
Betty Siatos

Jenni Siegel
Rachel Siegel
Ashish Singh
Jennifer Slabas



Andy Slosar
Daniela Smetkowski
Kim Smith
Joon So

Sherry Soce
Liana Soergel
William Song
Tania Sosa

Deanna Spear
Edward Stankiewicz
Alana Stegich
Allison Stegich

School In The Nineties

by Beverly Aprieto

Don't you wish that life in the 90s could be just like the TV show "Brady Bunch"? Everything would be perfect; everybody a goody-goody. Well, maybe life would just be annoying then. Instead, student life in the 90s can almost be compared to MTV's "My So Called Life". Of course, nothing is perfect, and realistically not much is fair either.

The biggest stress most teenagers experience is school. Managing time for sports activities and academics may get pretty challenging. Now toss in a couple of outside of school events and we have made our lives impossible- well, almost. "We are at the best stage of our lives right now. We can be as responsible as an adult and as carefree as a child," comments senior Pin Lin. Well, time for being carefree is running out. Reaching the end of our high school years force upon us situations in which we must make mature decisions. In the 90s, we are faced with more threatening obstacles which present themselves to us early on in our lifetime. The teenager of today is forced to make decisions that more closely affect who he or she will associate with during the next couple of years. Due to the rise in drug abuse, possession of weapons, and teenage pregnancy, the student of today must "find" themselves early on in life. Parents complain of how easy their children's lives are due to technology, but sometimes they fail to recognize the threatening lifestyle we've progressed to.

Corey Steinert
Monica Stevanovic

Tina Susa
Chris Swets

Savitre Tubrung
Eric Tucker

Sam Ur
Tim Vander Molen

James Vinci
John Vodopic

Seniors Eve Bilotas and Barbara Sturges discuss plans for upcoming events during fall's last S.A.D.D. meeting. S.A.D.D. functions as a student affiliated club whose primary purpose is to heighten awareness of the dangers associated with drunk driving.

body piercing

by Tylor Robinson

It started with two or three people but quickly exploded into the mainstream of trend- as trend usually starts out. What started as the initiation to a sub-culture has quickly established itself in various malls throughout suburbs. Now a large percentage of guys and girls have some part of their body pierced. Although piercing your ear is conventional, some people feel the necessity to fill other body parts with holes. Others feel body piercing is "disgusting to look at". One explanation for the sudden outbreak of body piercing may actually be individuality (a contradiction, maybe?) "It's an expression of style," commented one sophomore. "It hurts for a couple of seconds, but then it's alright," Nina Schwartz told us, after getting her belly button pierced. In some cultures it is part of a religious ritual.

If a student were to ask his or her parents about their views on body piercing, they would probably only approve of their daughters piercing their ears. I once heard a man say, "I thought I'd never live to see guys wearing earrings." However, no matter what others say, opposing opinions can not stand in the fast lane of trend.

All in all, people remain divided on this issue. Some believe piercing to be a matter of self-expression. Others wonder why in the world people would want to put a hole in their body.

Sean Strama
Angela Strugach
John Stryszyk
Eugina Suh

Melissa Taormina
George Tavoularis
Christos Tottas
Sara Toushin

Christopher Tynan
Sam Tzakis
Elizabeth Tzanetatos
Bill Tziavaras

Karl Varga
Anil Varughese
Peter Vergos
Miltiadis Verveniotis

Some inmates are assigned to supervised free time in rooms 138, 139, and 140. In rebuttal to the denial of her request for a nurse's pass, senior Piya Buranatum constructively uses free time to catch up on her sleep.

Felicia Vollmann
Jason Vranas
Paul Vranas
Sabrina Weinberger

William Weinstock
Michael Weiss
Susan Weiss
Robert Wescott

Patrick Wherfel
Rebecca Whittinghill
Jennifer Wielgus
Katie Winer

most memorable moments

by Joe Zeman

As a senior in high school, people have had many different experiences that they will take on with them the rest of their lives. Such moments to remember are a first kiss, a first girlfriend or boyfriend, first dance, an "A" on the report grade, and stuff like that. To some people, those things are not important, but to others they are because . . .

Guys and girls will remember the sports that they surprisingly made and participated in. Senior Amy Albrecht remembers when she made the softball team. Tryouts went well for her, but she was nervous and excited to see if she made the team. She wanted to see the list of those who made it, and when she saw her name, she was so happy and excited. Those kinds of things can be very special.

Football players have a lot to remember as well, like their first hard hit, touchdown, or QB sack. Senior Ken Zeman will never forget a time when he and another player made a sack. Right after "hike" was said, Zeman and classmate Brian Hayden rushed in and sacked the quarterback. The rush and acceleration that went through his head as they hit the QB was wonderful. "Man, it felt great as I hit him and knocked him on his *%$@ %$!" said Zeman. The feelings people get from sports may be amazing at times.

As for academics, people have both good and bad memories when it comes to the teachers and their grades. Senior Eric Nees recalls his first year of high school. It happened first semester of freshman year in Honors English. He said, "I was not getting good grades, and I got my first 'A' on a paper, and the teacher said, 'Don't ever shock me again like that.' I thought it was mean and rude to say that, but I failed the class anyway, so that 'A' did not really matter."

A lot of people remember when they got their license as senior Matt East did. "It was March 11th, a bright and sunny morning and my mom let me skip a few of my morning classes. As soon as I got there I ran up and got my picture taken and received my license. After school, I picked up my truck, packed it full of friends and took off."

Memorable moments are the ones best spent with friends or just people who make you smile.

Senior Kiran Ladhani videotapes scenes from student-produced plays during English class. Second hand acting is still a good excuse to take a break from essays.

Croatian club was among the many clubs that participated in the Homecoming parade. Founded primarily by senior John Vodopic, Croatian Club is a fairly new contribution to the school. *Photo by Maria Trograncic*

Jesse Winograd
John Yang
Jimmy Yoo

Ana Cadena

Susan Yoo
Jenny Zalon
Anna Zbilut

Kenneth Zeman
Jaime Zimmerman
Ryan Zimmerman

JESSIE-

I LEAVE YOU MY VIOLA.

-JENNY

BEING OF SOUND MIND AND BODY, I, CHERYL GESLANI, LEAVE: TO THE "BASE 8"; EVEN THOUGH WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES, THAT ONE PERFECT NIGHT (FEB 27); TO BMCG (X INFINITY) FOREVER; TO SQ A STUFFED PIZZA; TO JBB 23-25 AND A FRIEND FOR LIFE; TO JLB ALL OUR PAST AND FUTURE PLANS AND AN ENDLESS CONVERSATION; CB YOUR OWNNAME; LN ALL THE STARS ON MY DRIVEWAY; AL WHAT PEOPLE DON'TSAY ENOUGH; MT A NEVER ENDING SUPPLY OF MISCELLANEOUS FACTS AND AN ETHEREAL VOCABULARY; "I'LL STAND BY YOU" (YOU KNOW WHO); LIL' T THE LAMPPOST ON THE CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND JACKSON AND A ZEPHYER'S MILKSHAKE; EDDIE SOME ICED TEA AND A KEELER AVE LEGACY; AND FINALLY TO EVERYONE THAT HAS TOUCHED MY LIFE EVEN IN THE SMALLEST WAY, I'D GIVE YOU THE WORLD IF I COULD BUT ALL I HAVE IS A PEN.

This year's been great. I leave with you my box of cookies hidden in room 226 and a bottle of conditioner for poor swimmers in gym.

I, Pin Lin, of not exactly sound mind, leave to everyone only one important advice: start slaving over your German grammar notebook and/or English research paper at least a week before they are due. Trust me. I speak from personal experience. No one stays sane after four nights of no sleep.

Beware underclassmen, senior year is not a blow off! watch it, your life goes downhill once you hit 17! I'd like to leave behind the dents I made in gym lockers- the fault of a stubborn combination.

-George Travoularis

"Into this world we're born
into this world we're thrown"
J.D. Morrison -Jimmy Lee

To Jill (Ally) Pasia-
You have grown to be a very special person in my life, and you'll be in my heart always! for filling my life with the sincerity of your smile, the joy of your laugh, and the wisdom of your words. I thank you. I leave to you my words of wisdom:
Hey girl, hey...girls, hey girl!
Lots of love-Pinky

I would like to thank all my friends for being so great. I wish everyone the best in the future. These four years went by fast, and now it's time to say bye. I hope to see you all soon (you know who you are).

-Jennie Connelly

A hardy ADIOS to Jason Vi, whose belly dance to the "Subjunctive Song" has inspired me to become a collector of kites.

-Scott Berger

I leave my rust-bucket car, that doesn't work, to Mr. Jurek. (maybe he could get it running)

-Mike Weiss

I leave all my weather instruments to someone who cares!

I LEAVE MY FIRST IMPRINT ON EVAN COHAN'S FACE.

I leave some of my spirit and acceptance to Niles West future individuals to be themselves and to be their own.

-Misty Sunshine

TO THIS SCHOOL I LEAVE A COLLECTION OF CANS IN THE BASEBALL DUGOUT.

To the underclassmen I leave you this advice:
The type "A" lunch just may be the best food you will evereat here.
To my fellow Ni-We-Hi students:
Go to the bathroom next to the dean's office; and in the last stall on the back of the door, call Larry for a good time.

-Erik Carlson

I leave to Niles West the 1st parking spot that i never got- may you never have to walk miles to reach the front door.

-Lisa Pocztowski

Andy Slosar in 96'!

Senior Wills

This school has been great, but what happened to Bob?

If I had a chance to go back and do it all over again, I would in a heartbeat. Good luck to all of the Students at West, study hard in the future, that's all that counts.

To my sis Jenny (Jeannie) Pathieu,
I leave you my keys to the Honda and the responsibility of waking up 10 minutes earlier every cold morning to warm it up.
love, Diane (Da-Da)

Good-bye Freshies, good-bye sophomores, good-bye junior..(SOB) NOT!!! Ha Ha I'm outta here...oh, and good luck Proy.
-Pahn Pataramekin

TO ALL MY FELLOW YOUNG-INS, I LEAVE YOU MY FIRST PARKING SPOT; MAY YOU PARK AS CROOKED AS I DID IN MY DAY

-LARRY KAJMOWICZ

I LEAVE MY TEN WINS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS TO THE JUNIOR CLASS. GOOD LUCK GUYS, YOU'LL NEED IT!
-NITIN RAO

To Mike B: a German dictionary that has been thrown consistently; Dan and Paul: thehomework you helped make possible; Peter: and extra stack of cheat sheets (wash your hands) and a magnifying glass; Friendly Ben: a disgusting root-beer float; Susan: the mall we never saw together ("...one day i suppose.."); Elly: here's to three months of crying on the phone... thank you; Andrea and Maria: my thanks from me and AK- Center Center Center...; Alan: thanks for everything you've taught me. Peace to you and future generations; may the desire for love one day overcome the pre-established barriers of racism and hate. Cuvaj se.

-Nikki Bandur

JR

A bunch of male juniors (left) decide they were too *hot* for their shirts while in their leaders gym class. Junior Midnight Rider Jill Pasia (top left) is chalking in some spirited drawing on the sidewalk of a varsity football player's house. Junior year is the first year students are allowed to do this midnight riding, and I bet Nick Cimmarusti (left) would not be wearing that smile once his mother makes him clean up the tee-pee job the Midnight Riders did to his house . . . and many others.

Chill Spots

by Mike Cimmarusti

After about the first two weeks of summer, all the usual summertime actvities has been done by every Niles West student. Going to Great America, the movie, eating out, road trips, and playing sports are all the things that people fit into their schedules in just a few weeks.

At the end of these first few weeks, people start to get bored. What many people try to do is find a hangout, or as Junior, Nick Cimmarusti stated, "Chill Spot."

When junior, Joel Manansala was asked where his chill spot was he stated, "My friends and I would usually go to the beach or the park everyday during the summer. And at night, we'd chill at Yusik Kim's house, otherwise known as the 'Dogg Pound'."

Junior, Yusik Kim stated, "In the beginning it was cool, having friends over. Since my parents work late, there's no one home. So pretty much my house automatically became the chill spot. At first I didn't mind. Then more people started showing up. Sometimes so many people showed up it was like a party. At the end of the night when everyone's gone, my house was a mess. Every now and then Mike and Nick Cimmarusti would stay till two or three in the morning to help clean up my house."

In conclusion, no matter who you are, whether you go out or not, you will always have your own personal "Chill Spot."

"Oh my God!" exclaims junior Ana Marchisotta, irritated by the interruption. College Night is a chance for students to start looking for colleges they want to attend.

Junior Sara Zellermeyer struggles with a smile to her next class. Some students don't have enough time to go to their locker between classes and carry two or three books at once.

Jennifer Abbasi
Jason Abbey
Nazanin Aghayerashti
Sam Alexander
Bradley Alper
Kate Alpert
Robert Altman
Angel Amador

Jacob Amir
Theodora Analitis
Jason Angelilli
Chris Antoniou
Jehnus Aranas
Kapaslis Athanasios
Edwin Ayala
John Balk

Bill Bakas
Renee Base
Anastasia Benetatos
Elizabeth Bera
Eric Bergstorm
Ann Bieneman
Rhodor Bingayen
Andy Blanchard

Rachel Bradley
Andrea Braovac
Jason Boucher
Pete Boudouvas
Brian Bruce
Tiffany Buckner
Sasha Burch
Inna Burdein

Ann Carrera
Kristin Caruso
Daniel Casetta
Caroline Casta
Cicily Castillo
Paul Ceisel
Donald Chan
Eric Chan

Richard Chang
Scott Charoenpitaks
Nick Chin
Mike Cho
Ji Young Cho
Moon Young Choe
Eun Seok Choi
Sung Choi

Joseph Chollampel
Rea Chronopoulos
Alex Chudnovsky
Rosie Chwal
Mike Cimmarusti
Nick Cimmarusti
Sanela Cobalovic
Nicole Corrigan

Joceylyn Cornbleet
Christine Cosmos
David Craig
Nick Dallas
Danielle Davino
Samantha Dehne
Claudia Deja
Michelle Del-Pino
Laura Dema

Andy DeMonte
Therese Derecho
Cyrus DeOcampo
Keith Diaz
Diane Didier
Beth Dobrowolski
Cathy Doczekalski
Tennille Doll
Luis Dorado

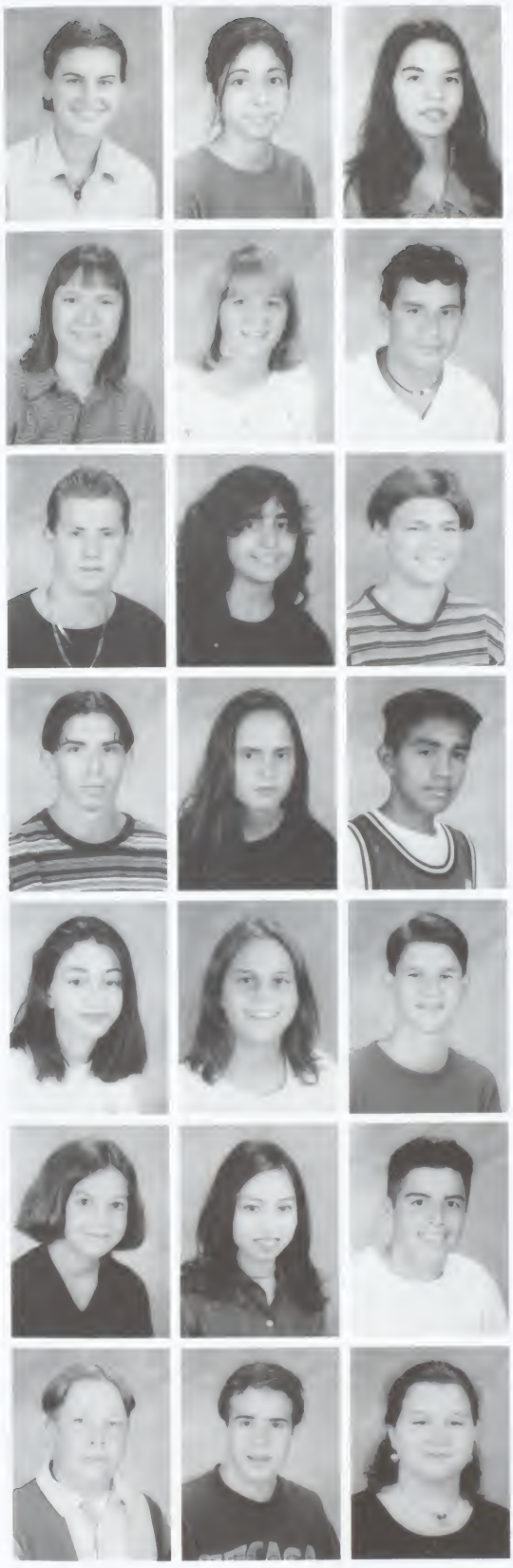
Jelena Dzamic
Antoinette Eder
Heidi Eichler
Jessica Elkayam
Amanda Erickson
Dan Ertman
Derek Faulstick
Mary Fazelian
Isaac Feder

Cathy Fedyukovich
Heather Fernandez
Imee Fernandez
John Fernandez
Carrie Folise
Frances Fontanez
Jordan Freeman
Noula Frigelis
Giovanny Gatica

Teri Gawron
Matt Gacthier
Brian Gelfand
Kathy Giannakopoulos
Billy Giannopoulos
Vicky Giannos
Sue Gina
Amy Ginsburg
Anthony Gloriosa

Jason Goldlust
Melissa Grandinetti
Steve Gray
Monica Gren
Carolyn Guerrero
Candace Gurewitz
Therese Guevara
Jaime Guzman

Gabriela Guzman
Danny Ha
Grace Ha
Michelle Hahn
Nancy Han
Rita Hanna
Chris Harpling
Andrew Heckerling
Mary Eileen Hellum



College Choices

by Heidi Eichler

Northwestern, U of I, Purdue, MIT, and Harvard. These are just a few of the many colleges out there. How can a person possibly choose one? Lots of juniors are still undecided about their futures. Sure, they want to go to college, but where?

We take the SAT, the ACT, we attend College Night, and talk to counselors and friends, all in preparation for college. And we do it all in our junior year. Many people are still pretty clueless after all this (my self included), but some people actually do have some idea of what they want to do with their futures. Yet, even those who know where they want to go, often feel that they are settling for something less.

Times have changed from those optimistic freshmen days when students dreamed of glory at Harvard, Yale, and Stanford. Some people give up their dream colleges because of grades. Some abandon their hopes due to money problems. "There's that one college you set up there and then that dream sort of fizzes out at some point," says Junior Angelo Ramos.

Yet, no matter how hard getting to college is, it's a task worth doing. Because if you never decided on a college, you might be stuck here forever.

Junior Andre King takes a break during a varsity football game. King assisted the offense with many great plays.

Roger Herling
Chris Heuer
Hrach Hitik
Tracy Hoffman
Aubree Horvath
Gabe Horwitz

Tammy Hrajhnoha
Eril Hsian
Lisa Hudik
Sara Hundahl
Joe Huscher
Danny Hwang

Nenif Ibrahim
Kara Isaac
Efrat Jacob
Archy Jamjun
Michael Jansson
Dana Jarnecke

Sofia Javed
Matt Jeans
Kevin Jong
Gust Johanson
Jennifer Johnson
Frank Jones

Beena Joseph
Jerome Jovero
Joseph Kahn
Julie Kallu
Sapra Kamdar
James Kannookadan

Generation X

by Annie Jackson

We are growing up during the time of generation **X**. This name was probably derived because we have been unable to establish a character for ourselves. We have been plagued by choices that will eventually enable us to survive in **THIS** society. If we, as striving teenagers, do not decide to choose the "right" path, then we are endangering ourselves of becoming extinct. We are forced, day by day, to make decisions about friends, drugs, alcohol, and sex. But in order to make the best decisions for ourselves, we must set our priorities straight and reestablish our values.

Two juniors from the graduating class of 1997 were ecstatic to share their thoughts and ideas of this generation. Alex Chudnovsky was very concerned about the decisions that we are forced to make, "We must be ready to suffer the consequences and accept the rewards. The world is full of choices and we only hope to make the right ones," said Chudnovsky. Decisions like going to college and choosing friends are what our junior year is all about.

For Susan Suss, this generation is about sex, friends, and concerts. There is a fear spreading throughout our society. People want to be cool and accepted by everyone; no one wants to be misjudged or ostracized. Suss worries that, "People are straining to be accepted in society and they're forgetting who they really are."

We are a nameless and wandering generation, searching for answers. If we put all our heads together, maybe then we can account for what our generation is all about.

Injured but still spirited, juniors Mike Cimmarusti and Pete Boudouvas take a break from pregame warm-ups to take a picture. Cimmarusti and Boudouvas are both members of the varsity football team.

Junior Cindy Olson and Rebecca Olson help build the set of The Bad Seed. Crew members work hard in order to prepare for theatrical performances.

Renjan Karottu
John Kessel
Kara Kezios
Ashley Khatkhate
Raphael Kiam
Hung-Sup Kim

Yusik Kim
Carol Kim
Debbie Kim
Esther Kim
Fred Kim
Mirye Kim

Reni Kim
Amy Kimura
Sandy Klein
Joanna Klincewicz
Karen Kmiecik
Jessica Knudsen

they ACT like they SAT

by Reni Kim

8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00. These are the hours gone by at least one Saturday morning during junior year. If you're really ambitious, you'll spend nine, even twelve hours taking and retaking the SAT and ACT.

No matter how much time these two standardized tests waste, they are necessary evils for entrance into most colleges. Most juniors begin taking and retaking these tests in the spring until well into their senior year. SAT scores can reach as high as 1600, which could ultimately get you into Harvard and Princeton without a hitch. But getting a 1600 is highly difficult, to say the least. Junior Rehana Patel sarcastically says, "When I get a 1600 on my SAT is when pigs can fly!"

Not only are grades the most important during junior year, but these SAT's and ACT's add to the stress factor considerably. Junior Jason Park says, "A ton of bricks would be lifted off my shoulders if these tests didn't exist." The bottom line is, standardized tests are necessary for colleges to be able to rate each student on the same standard. And it's highly unlikely that they will disappear anytime soon. So just take it in stride. (Yeah, right.)

Waiting for her introduction, junior Paula Pisani gets ready to perform her cheerleading routine during a pep assembly. The varsity cheerleaders practice long hours in order to achieve perfection.

Showing off his dancing skills, junior Steve Grey lets loose during the Prehomecoming Dance.

Anastasia Koinis
Peter Konstantos
Patty Kontos
Sinee Kopsombut
Michelle Koral
Georgia Koromvokis
Angelo Kourouklis
Lisa Kuman

Mike Krzyszton
Swapna Kuruvilla
Margaret Kuick
Chalisa Laksanaprom
Darlene Landicho
Jennifer Landis
Jeanette Lama
Sherry Lanuza

Michelle Larson
Jennifer Lau
Judy Leavitt
Jennifer Lebe
Daniel Lochner
Sung Lee
Nancy Lee
Edmond Lee

Eileen Lee
Laura Lee
Linda Lee
Chris Leinwebber
Jordan Levy
Alan Lewis
Kerri Lin
Mike Liesle

Kathy Litwin
Lida Liu
Justin Loeffler
Vince Lombardo
Jason Macejak
Chrissy Maghopoy
Ticha Maleegrai
Joel Manansala

Anna Marchisota
Marjana Marinac
Fatima Masud
Dan May
Brian Mc Neela
Hitesh Mehta
Malissa Michaelides
Seth Miller

Vesna Milovanovic
Mark Miszczyszyn
Nicholas Mitria
Maria Mitsos
Christina Moen
Niki Mollet
Javier Montoya
Voula Moragiannis

"Let's go, Big Red" is just one of the many cries you hear from the varsity cheerleaders. Junior Christina Ottlinger cheers her team to victory during a home football game.

Junior Jill Pasia works on her layout for yearbook class as her friends, juniors Ticha Maleegrai and Maria Trograncic have a conversation. I would say that Pasia is using her time more efficiently.

Ilsa Morales
Heather Moorehouse
Dina Moussa
Tim Moy
Amy Moy
Beata Mozdzinsky

Tim Nelson
George Nikolakakis
Daniel Nitoi
Leslie Nono
Erick Oh
Rebecca Ohlson

Jason Park
Esther Park
June Park
Minnie Park
Lucy Parreno
Jill Pasia

Milli Patel
Matt Patterson
Kristen Peterson
Tracy Peterson
Jelena Petkovic
Bentley Phillips

A More Competitive Side

by Ticka Maleegrai

The goal of a Niles West athlete is to get to the top, to be in the varsity team. But what does being on varsity sports really mean? Respect and acknowledgement is part of the package that most players receive.

Junior Jason Abbey responded, "Varsity is much more noticed and more competitive."

"In varsity football, the intensity level is higher, everyone is battling for the most tackles—but I just play. Varsity also gets more respect from the underclassmen, and the teachers notice you more", replied Junior, Nick Cimmarusti.

To some varsity athletes the role of the team and the win seems the most important.

"Playing at the varsity level means forgetting about everything else and busting your butt for one thing—the win," replied Senior, Lisa Neville.

The outlook on yourself and the coaches are also different on varsity.

Junior, Niki Mollet said, "The coaching is different on the varsity level, you're expected to know all the plays and there's not much tolerance for slacking off, as at the junior varsity levels. They are sometimes more lenient."

You are no longer looked at as just a player who goes to the games or practices and goes home after the event is finished. It becomes more important what you do off the courts and how you represent yourself as a person. You also find that the coaches who you'd think would be caught up in their own lives concentrate more on winning and getting involved in the players' lives", responded Junior, Susie Olson.

Many factors are involved in becoming a varsity player. It is a big accomplishment to know that whatever they do on the courts or fields, these varsity players are the best of the best at Niles West High School.

Kenny Nakai
Dan Malartsik
Nicole Nash
Neetu Nayyar
Rumsan Neesan
Erin Nelson

Cindy Olsen
Corrine Ora
Christina Ottlinger
Nicole Pagani
Chrissy Papnick
Susan Parapetti

Jignyasa Patel
Mili Patel
Parag Patel
Priti Patel
Rehana Patel
Sejal Patel

Nick Piekos
Reny Pinarkyil
Paula Pisani
Clarissa Placko
Christi Policht
Kelly Potter

"I Need A Ride!"

by Lucy Parreno

It was a symbol of freedom. No more afternoons stuck at school after late practices, no more nights tuck at home without a ride anywhere, and no more bike riding as the only mode of transportation. Many teenagers expectantly wait 16 years to get to this joyous occasion usually by the beginning of junior year, making this stressful year all the more important. However, was all the waiting and long hours in Driver Education worth it?

Honestly, if you ask any old driver, the answer would be no. "At first, it's all good, but then everyone hassles you for a ride everywhere. I mean it's okay once in a while, but not five times a day," remarked junior Ana Marchisotta. When you first get your license, you could feel the impact of having mobile freedom, but soon you find yourself recruited as everyone's driver. You ultimately become the chauffeur driving people here, driving people there, picking things up, dropping things off, running errands for the family and friends . . . Ahhh, and the list just keeps getting longer and longer. Once you have your license, it's the point of no return, so think about it. Do you really want your license?

George Pratikakis
Renuka Purimetla
Mark Purtell
Gary Ramirez
Angelo Ramos
Cliford Ramos

Jessie Reagen
Rachel Rehana
John Reifenberg
Chris Repel
Kim Richards
Jenny Rinkor

Suzanne Rontal
David Rosen
Samantha Rosenberg
Richard Roth
Dom Ruiz
Scott Sabin

Benjamin Saltz
Barbara Samuelson
Ian Santarinala
Anita Sasson
Michael Savchenko
Janet Schabow

Ben Schneider
Natalie Semaszcuk
Jalpa Shah
Nirva Shah
Susan Shamoon
Heather Shapiro

Shimi Shiba
Randy Shin
Timothy Shriver
Pete Siatos
Adeel Siddiqui
Adam Silver

Marshal Slobodnik
Josh Smith
Charles Smith
Matt Smith
Andrew Sniezek
Heidi Soergel

Kajal Soni
Mita Soni
Anand Soni
Jenny Spear
Dawn Stevens
Renee Stolis

Waiting for the start of the homecoming parade, juniors Mike Cimmarusti and Andrea Braovac give a smile for the camera. Both were voted by their classmates as junior attendants during the Homecoming Dance.

Junior Rita Hanna adds last minute touches to her homework assignment. Junior year is one of the most stressful years because colleges look at the second semester rankings of that year.

Having fun while Midnight Riding, juniors Chrissy Maghopoy and Amy Ginsburg teepee varsity player Dan DePaolis house. Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to show their spirit by joining Midnight Riders.

Joe Strybel
Brett Strykowski
Suzanne Suss
Nichole Suss
Nicole Sutherland
Eric Svenson

Joe Thonippara
Athena Toliopoulos
Niki Tottas
Elaine Tragas
Diane Tragas
Maria Trograncic

Amelou Ventura
Max Veprinsky
Toni Viglione
Bris Villanueva
Stephanie Volk
Leanne Vollman

Benjamin Yarrow
Chong Yoo
Evan Younan
Brett Youngsteadt
Faye Zair
Karyna Zarate

French teacher Madeleine Loughran helps junior Tammy Hrajnoha with her homework. Student have the option of taking French, Spanish, and German as a foreign language.

After gym class, juniors Tasia Benetatos, Kim Belluomini, and Tracy Hoffman pose for a picture. All three are leaders in physical education.

Linda Szczepanski
Christine Tabamo
Fumika Takasaki
Matt Terdich
Agnes Tessar
Tina Thomas

Rachel Trylovich
Irfan Vaid
Jane Vandermolen
Brian Varghese
Carlos Vazquez
Melissa Venn

Cheryl Wakefield
Jason Whittinghill
Susie Wimmer
Irene Wong
Maya Vujoshevich
Veronika Vyazovsky
Zheng Xiang

Juniors Andrea Braovac and Maria Trograncic, who didn't want this picture to go in, walk enthusiastically to start school as upperclassmen. These juniors, along with their friends were sad to end their summer and start school all over again.

Promoting school spirit, juniors Candace Gurewitz and Kathy Litwin hang signs in the cafe. Unfortunately, school spirit lacks in this school.

Juniors Danielle Davino and Tammy Hrajnoha goof off in the hallway during their free time. Students usually have breaks in between their classes so they can relax from all the hard work they do.

Zheng Xiang
Arabella Zaroo
Sara Zellmayer
Gina Zimmer
Julie Zusstone

X-*(Fresh)* Men

Sophomores Steve Drebos and Dan Cho sit down and release their stress, among other things. Cho has found the cafe a new purpose for being; as a sophomore, he has discovered it as a home away from home, comfortable enough to pick his nose. Sophomores, although they are going through one of the least stressful years of high school, need to find a niche in the school where they can completely relax with friends. The cafe provides the perfect place to eat, furiously beg for homework, and even pick away at the impurities that build up in the body.

Friends

by Beverly Aprieto

Do you wish that your life was like the popular television show "Friends?" It would be so awesome having your own theme song! "I'll be there for you, when the rain starts to fall, I'll be there for you . . . " Well, some friendships are like television shows, and some aren't. How long have you known your friends? Eighteen years, five years, five days, five minutes? No matter how long you've known them, your friends should always be there for you when you're in your time of need (unless they are not your real friends).

The television sitcom "Friends" shows the lives of six close friends. Let's compare . . . which of your friends act like Ross, Chandler, Joey, Monica, Rachel, and Phoebe? Or do your friends act more like the characters on "Beverly Hills 90210?"

Relationships between friends are based on true feelings, not on acting. They need trust, loyalty, honesty, communication, and love. However, in a friendship you also need to be yourself. Be yourself and don't try to impress anyone to fit in. "I wouldn't want to impress anyone just to be liked. If they are my friends, they'll like me for who I am. But if they are expecting more, then I'll know that I should forget about them," said sophomore Tracy Martin.

Also, in some relationships, friends turn out to be more than just friends, just like the characters Ross and Rachel. However, just because you and your partner are more than friends now, doesn't mean you two are done with your old relationship as being friends. "For me, I've known my boyfriend while we were growing up. We grew up as family friends and even now we're best friends. I've been going out with him for four years and nothing has changed, he's still my best friend and he will always be my best friend. And even if we do break up, everything will still be the same, that's a fact," said a sophomore.

Furthermore, everyone needs friends. And even though you may not have a "theme song," remember that friendships last longer than sitcoms. "I'll be there for you, when the rain starts to fall, I'll be there for you . . . "

Ricardo Acosta
Rebecca Adelman
Brian Alexander

Mahnaz Ali
Zeba Alikhan
Jeff Alita

Christopher Anderson
Jay Andres
Patty Andritsakis

Huma Ansari
Beverly Aprieto
Alit Ashwal

Juan Ayala
Kim Bacher
Alex Bajgrowicz

Racie Balajadia
Lindsey Barlow
Matthew Barnett

Michelle Barsky
Helen Belesiotis
Yehiel Ben-Haroush

Justin Bender
Ilana Berlin
Vanessa Betance

Tom Beveridge
Hoor Bhanpuri
Naiya Bhatt
Andrew Bieschke
Haris Bilal
Bernardino Bingayen
Amber Biver

Brittney Block
Dennis Boboc
Lisa Boldt
Elena Boodris
Ioan Brad
Jennifer Brame
Jason Braslawsky

David Brown
Jenny Brown
Roxanne Cabading
Sunshine Cabrera
Nicole Carranza
Dana Cash
Kim Cedilla

Kevin Chan
Naureen Charania
Steve Chiu
Dan Cho
Sung Hyun Choe
Grace Choi
Nancy Choi

Joined at the hip, sophomores Danielle Isaacson and Brittney Block affectionately hug. They just can't let go.

Sophomore Tylor Robinson adjusts his "do" for his hot date after school. One comment from sophomore Seth Grossman, "Ya right!"

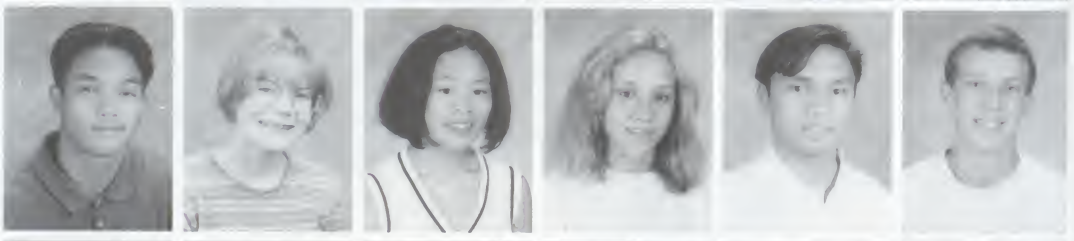
Sophomore Karla Medina doodles a few names and pictures while taking science notes. No student can resist the temptation to draw or write notes during class.

Stepping off the yellow limousine, sophomore Mark Rhee seems relieved that he has safely arrived at school. Accidents, hijackings, and train crashes involving school buses seem to be on the rise.

Tonia Chronopoulos
Derek Chutipisalkul
Laura Cohon
Lisa Colbert
Manuel Ivan Cuaresma
Sanela Dabezic

Doris Dadayan
Andrew Dahan
Vincent David
Galen DeLasAlas
Kristen Degenhart
Mike Deguia

Eric Dela Cruz
Adrienne Delgenio
Samantha Delmundol
Ivana Deronja
Alex Devera
Scott Dibasilio



Alexander Diz
Nada Djuric
Steve Drebos
Katie Drott
Thomas Dymek
Nazli Ekim

Mad Mondays

by Liz Wozniczka

We all want to _____ (verb) Monday mornings. It's so painful to wake up to _____ (verb) for a whole week of school. We all have to be put through the _____ (adj.) routine every _____ (noun). It starts with _____ (verb) out of bed and _____ (verb) into the _____ (noun), since you can't _____ (verb) in the dark. Most people also tend to wake up _____ (adj.) on Mondays. Having only a couple of minutes, they _____ (verb) so they wouldn't have to serve that _____ (noun) for being _____ (adj.) so many times. In school, most of us _____ (verb) through our _____ (noun or adj.) classes. But as we go, we finally get back into the rhythm of a _____ (noun) at West. I asked _____ (adj.) sophomores to share their _____ (noun) of Monday morning _____ (noun).

Here are their insights

"Having to wake up early. I dread having to go back to school after a long weekend." - Kate Wielgus

"Getting up early just to go back again, and of course, having to take a shower at six o'clock!" - Nancy Sotelo

"Having to start another week of school." - Jenny Shih

"We have school on Mondays?" - Kim Cedella

"Having to put up with teachers." - Joey Zeman

"Knowing that we have a whole five days of school to go." - Heidy Smith

"I hate them!" - Tylor Robinson

To most people, Monday mornings are unfortunately irritating and tiring, but we all have to go through with them.

Nancy Elrassi
Angela Endres
Jezreel Escobar
Maher Fakhoury
Adam Federman
Marcos Feldman

Rudy Fernandez
Alice Filip
Dan Flood
Kraig Foyteck
Kris Frake
Bridgette Franz

Michael Gabler Jr.
Jean Gavina
Dina Maria Georgas
Helen Giannakopoulos
Aviva Gibbs
Angela Gikas

Brian Gitlin
Ryan Goldflies
Albert Goldstein
Mark Goles
Elmer Gomez
Marnie Goodfriend

Strategizing fibs for being late, sophomores Pete Zonis and Dennis Boboc ponder what excuse works best. Anything and everything is pleaded to avoid referral to the deans.

Sophomore Sabrina Guillen enjoys a game of crab soccer in gym class. Guillen prepared for a power kick as she went for the ball, but suddenly the ball went for her.

Aldwin Gordula
Charmaine Grandinetti

Jordan Greene
Seth Grossman

Kelli Gschwind
Erin Guetzlaff

Sabrina Guillen
Walter Guminiak

Jason Hall
Zachary Halloran

Andy Hamada
Vivian Haritos

Craig Hawley
Jamie Hayden

Michael Hedstrom
Stacey Heilig

Curt Heller
Sean Henrick
Cecile Hernandez
Maykel Hernandez

Bryan Heuer
Amy Hildebrandt
Tim Ho
Mike Hoffman

Breandan Holmes
Michelle Hong
Joanne Houmpavlis
Alicja Hryniewicki

Grant Hsing
Zafreen Hussain
Almas Hussain
Uzma Hussain

Heidy Hwang
Jamie Iannotti
Jessi Ideno
Danielle Isaacson

Jessica Jamruszka
Denise Jarjosa
Lincy Joseph
Steve Joung

Francis Kambool
Margaret Kamyshina
Jamie Kane
Kyung Kang

Chris Karlin
Marcus Kawakami
Mika Keegstra
Shamiran Khoder

Dazed and confused, sophomore Hyun Kim tries to make sense of it all. You mean it's only Monday?

Expressing his singing talent to the photographer, sophomore Jimmy Mellos tries to draw attention from the kitchen staff for some help. You have to amuse yourself some way when you're guarding the machine when your food gets stuck.

Sophomore Veronica Jaimes quickly scans the reading selection before the bell rings. A little cramming before class never hurts.

Joanne Kielar
Daniel Kim
Elaine Kim

Grace Kim
Hyun Kim
Jin Kim

Jun Hyung Kim
Lisa Kim
Miyoung Kim

Stanford Kim
Samantha Kitover
Danny Ko

Kathy Kong
Sarah Koo
Elise Kopke
Stephen Kopke
Chrystyna Kouros
Jaimie Kozlowski
Courtney Krell

Adam Kriticos
Sabrina Krzak
Mark Krzyszton
Vinod Kuruvilla
Neda Kusolvisitkul
James Laboy
Joey Lama

Jane Lang
Sheryll Lapenia
Terri Lappas
Bill Larimore
Flora Lazo
Alice Lee
Anna Lee

David Lee
James Lee
Jennifer Lee
Jenny Lee

Katy Lee
Linda Lee
Natalie Leskov
Melissa Levy

Meghan Lichter
Seung Lim
John Lobo
Jessica Lodi

Stacey Lucas
David Luksik
Lena Lulias
Kristy Lussi

Snagging up three beautiful girls, sophomore Dae Kim thinks he's doing mighty good. However, the sophomore beauties Bonnie Hernandez, Jean Gavina, and Beverly Aprieto halt his plans when they say "I don't think so bub."

Sophomores Maria Korkofigas and Alice Filip choose a brisk walk to awaken before school. Naw, a nice leisurely stroll is better — it's too early in the morning.

Displaying a friendly hello, sophomore Francis Kambool responds to his buddy's "What's up homie?" greeting. Generation X forms a new language, keeping Baby Boomers in the dark, the next Ricki Lake show.

Step by Step

by Joe Zeman

We are finally sophomores and no longer freshmen. It is great to not be made fun of by those seniors. Many people have fond memories from freshman year, but now the real fun and great memories will begin.

What is so great about being a sophomore? What is different? What would you rather be, a freshman or a sophomore? Tylor Robinson said, "I like being a sophomore because I do not get picked on as much. It is different because I can see how annoying freshmen really are."

Heidy Hwang said, "It's better because I am not a freshman. The classes are harder, and I cannot get away with things that I could have before."

Satyam Contractor said, "Anything is better than being a freshman. It is better because now I can pick on those stupid freshmen. I think that I have less responsibility because it is more of a goofing off year."

Sandy Schertzing said, "It is better to be a sophomore because I know the school better and I know more people."

Being a sophomore is really exciting and fun. There are more parties to go to and more girls and guys to meet. You are only a sophomore once in your life, so fill it with a lot of good memories.

Tony Ma
Rhonda Macejak
Aatish Madhiwala
Edward Mahnke
Cecil Mahoney
Charmaine Manansala
Lorena Marino

Tracy Martin
Adam Mathes
Jessica Matik
Kelly McBreen
Colleen McKenna
Jimmy Mellos
Adriana Mendez

Cara Meron
Teresa Miklaj
Lisa Milosavljevic
Jan Miyamoto
Islam Mohammed
Michelle Morgan
Kayla Moskowitz

Sophomore Lisa Milosavljevic pauses to catch her breath after a grueling race. Milosavljevic sports the new trend and latest in breathing technology.

Resting to take a lunch break at the marching band competition, sophomores Lyla Padiernos, Sung Choe, and Sheryll Lapenia scope out cute guys. The marching band learned from neighboring schools different formations on the trip to Kentucky Kingdom.

Sophomores Steve Drebos and Dan Cho pucker up for a nice big wet kiss. Showing affection is no problem for our macho men.

Sophomores Jessy Jamruszka, Brittney Block, and Paula Tushbai embrace in a friendly hug. The bonds of friendship throughout high school last a lifetime.

Amanda Moyer
Andrea Mueller
Mike Mueller
Johnny Mui
Cesar Mulingbayan
Gina Mun
Jennifer Myung

John Naanep
Russ Nairner
Hyun Jin Nam
Bianca Nanfria
Ilona Nazarians
Christopher Nelson
Kristofor Nelson

Christ Nicolopoulos
Demosthenes Nikolopoulos
Philly Nkeaka
Irene Nones
Ryan Oroc
Lyla Padiernos
Bryan Paliza

Hijschen-Roiss Panares
Sara Parchuta
Chaihyo Park
Sang Park
Prashant Parsram
Bhavesh Patel
Parin Patel

Rushi Patel
Jennifer Patyk
Garrett Pautsch
James Pelletier
Becky Persino
David Persky
Tina Petcov

Excuses, excuses, excuses . . .

by Tylor Robinson

"Uh . . . I had to . . . um . . . go to my counselor. That's it!" A common excuse here at Niles West. We all use them at least once to save ourselves from harsh punishments. Sometimes they work and sometimes they don't. Your best bet is to use new excuses because we each know "my dog ate my homework" doesn't cut it anymore. In this technological era, the latest excuse "my computer crashed" works best. No matter what sort of situation one is in, he will try every last way to weasel out of trouble.

"Sometimes when I hang out with my friends before school, I'm late to homeroom and I tell my homeroom teacher I missed the bus and I had to walk to school. It always works," says sophomore Steve Drebos.

Many excuses emerge for many occasions. Wanna know a few?

Excuses for being late—

-I had to talk to my counselor.
-I missed the bus.
-I came from the other side of the school.
-I had to go to the nurse.

Excuses for not doing your homework—

-My printer broke.
-I didn't understand it. (One of the best)
-I don't have an assignment sheet.
-You didn't tell us that.

Excuses for getting out of class—

-My contact fell out.
-I'm sick. Can I go to the nurse?
-I have to go to the dean's office.

Aristotelis Pirillis
Randy Plasencia
Jackie Plett

Laura Poch
Erin Pollyea
Robin Potter

Jeff Poulsom
Kuntal Rana
Kimberly Rantz

Nancy Rayan
Kenneth Reed
Jenn Reifenberg

Mark Rhee
Eun Rhim
Anthony Ricotta

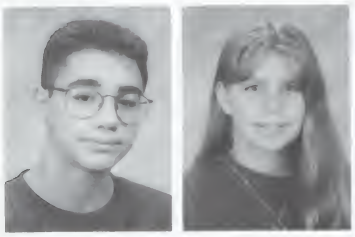
Chris Rodriguez
Oliver Rodriguez
William Romero

Melinda Rosario
Debbie Rosenfeld
Rob Rostig

Britt Rothman
Alpert Rufin
Darlene Ruiz

Diana Rumsley
Dorota Rus
John Sagun
Carol Sanchez
Hammad Saudye
Saddaf Saudye
Sandy Schertzing

Bryan Schmidt
David Schuller
Samantha Schwartz
Steve Scrimpsher
James Sears
Mike Segura
Susanna Semaszczuk



Vincent Serio
Laura Seymour

Nick Sfikas
Amish Shah

Afshan Shamim
Steven Shamoon

Getting ready to brawl, sophomores Jimmy Mellos and Adam Kriticos mock each other while Dae Kim tries to keep the peace. It's hard to tell when fights are real or not.

Sophomores Niven Youkhana and Jenni Gormaz pose for the camera. They are enjoying a favorite pastime, loitering in the halls which just thrills the security guards and others.

Keita Shibusawa
Jennifer Shih
Cathy Shin
David Silverman
Heidi Smith
Timothy Smith
Suzanne Smolik

Bruce Snyder
Valerie Snyder
Jinyon So
Joey Sojka
Susan Solorzano
Cathy Song
Nancy Sotelo

Sofia Souflaki
Danny Spitz
Marlena Stolarska
April Stone
Jennifer Suh
Mina Suh
Andrew Swets

What? There was a family of five mice decaying in your English room and one floating in the pool? Sophomores Jenny Lee and Curt Heller converse about the rodent hotel Niles West runs.

Munching on Uncle Bob's specialty mozzarella sticks, sophomores Cecil Mahoney and Davor Budimir hurriedly scarf down their lunches before the bell tones. Lunchtime is one period that all students look forward to.

Aziz Syeda
Kelly Szlak
Mandy Taheny
Dawn Tarica-Kemp
Faisal Tariq
Charles Tayona
Tina Theisen

Stanley Thomas
Christie Tienchai
James Tillis
Chris Tirovolas
Paul Torres
Maria Tragas
Alfred Tsao

Mark Tuchscherer
Paula Tushbai
Jenny Udoni
Kate Uyeno
Sandhya Vallabhapurapu
Elizabeth Vargas
Gabriela Vargas

The sophomore bad boys Oliver rodriguez and Galen DeLasAlas proudly give a tour of the girls' washroom. Rodriguez seems to know it well — wonder why?

I love you this much. Sophomores Zach Halloran and Dennis Boboc seem to have a different appreciation for the mob of girls headed their way.

Jim Varsamis
Alex Varshavskiy
Brian Vecchione
Gina Villamil

Mad About You

by Heidi Eichler

"Hold me, thrill me, kiss me, kill me." As if there wasn't enough to worry about with homework, tests, clubs, and sports, many people have to worry about a relationship.

Lots of people want to be part of a couple, but there's a lot of work involved. You have to worry about spending enough time with that special someone, spending too much time with that special someone, and, most of all, what other people think. How can you show affection without going overboard and grossing people out? "There's one couple and they're always making out right by my locker. It's so disgusting!" says sophomore Kelly McBreen.

This sort of thing can be especially annoying if you're alone or have a weak stomach. "It's like they (couples making out) are forcing you to witness something you don't want to see," laments sophomore Tylor Robinson.

So, how do you show love without grossing everyone out? Just keep it sweet, simple gestures, and please, no tonsil hockey!

Breath in . . . breath out . . . almost there, we're coming! Sophomores Sarah Koo and Marnie Goodfriend pace each other as they do their part to help the cross country team take the victory.

Sonal Virparia
Billy Virvilos
Jovan Vojcic
Brigid Walsh
Lauren Watanabe
Dominika Wawrzyniak
Erin Weinstein

Wendy Whiteside
Kate Wielgus
Sheryl Williams
Michael Wills
Britt Wilms
Aaron Wishnoff
Tim Wisnar

Christine Wlodarczyk
Scott Wood, Jr.
Laura Woods
Renette Youkhana
Nevada Youkhanna
Slvana Younan
Tanya Younan

Paul Zafiropoulos
Mike Zagorov
Lori Zaino
Anna Zajac
Joseph Zale
Joe Zeman
Pete Zonis

The *New* Class

"Out with the old and in with the new." That quotation would best summarize freshman year for most people. Freshman year is full of new beginnings. There is more freedom, lots of new people to make friends with, and a lot of new experiences to share. Although trying new things may seem scary, they can be fun and memorable as well.

Gregory Abas
George Adamidis
Gideon Adler
Viki Agorianitis
Nasreen Ahmed
Sam Ahn

Janice An
Catherine Apelian
Khristine Aquino
Mickey Arabelovic
Joe Argos
Stephanie Aton

Freshmen Freebees

Freshman Geneveive Gosun strikes a pose. Color guard is a group that adds flavor to the marching band.

Being a freshman can be dangerous. Trying to get through the halls without getting shoved by an upperclassman can be tough. Getting caught by a faculty member when you're somewhere you shouldn't be, (especially during closed halls) can get you in trouble. Freshmen go through a hard time like - being late for class which can get you a detention, handing in late work to your teacher can get you a bad grade, and leaving the school without an open campus pass can get you in a lot of trouble. It's not easy for a freshman to survive the school day without getting in trouble. Trying to get through an unfamiliar place is scary. But it's all right to get stuck in closed halls or even be late for class for certain students. They are FRESHMEN!! Freshmen are new to the school; they have an excuse to get lost and wander off to places they shouldn't. Here are some quotes from a couple of freshmen.

John Lee - "I missed a class one time because I got my mods mixed up on the first day of school - but I got cleared because it was my first day."

Karishma Raval - "I was walking down the halls without knowing it was closed halls and got stopped by a teacher. She asked me for my I.D. and saw that I was a freshman and let me go since it was only the first week of school."

Susan Kinsman - "On the first day of school, I couldn't get my locker open and I was late for one of my classes. But since I had an excuse as being a freshman, my teacher let me go pretty easy."

But then again, after the first couple of weeks of school, the freshmen won't get away with a lot. So take advantage of being a freshman when you have the chance.

Carolyn Akhteebo
Karen Akiva
Andrea Allen
Margarita Alvear
Nichole Alvear
Bobby Alvertos

Emilie Babicz
Mike Baffes
Corie Caldauf
Dino Bakas
Fatima Banday
Kim Bang

Nicholas Bappert
Nichole Bartl
Andy Bautista
Tamera Bietzel
Alina Belushkova
Telly Benetatos

Brian Beveridge
Katie Bieneman
Anna Blinstein
Vincent Bondy
Michael Borja
Tiffany Borre

Nathan Bradley
Dave Brodsky
Matt Brown
Patrick Brown
Daniel Brunetti
Radicel Buela

Rosilyn Buela
Ivana Buljubasic
Angela Burgess
Phil Cali
Joy Caloncagan
Elizabeth Carrera

Shantea Casey
Michael Caspillan
Dionel Castillo
Sara Chaiken
Lesley Chan
Gina Chang

Jane Chantawanich
Lily Chen
Steven Chertow
Jenny Cho
Ji Hyun Cho
Junhee Choe

Survey Says . . .

Out of the one hundred freshmen that were surveyed . . .

- Forty-two spend their free time in the cafe
- Eighteen said that they wear braces
- Twenty nine said they wear glasses
- Nineteen wear contacts
- Seventy have either a savings or a checking account
- Nine carry credit cards
- Twelve say that they smoke
- The average freshman's age is 14.56 years old and two didn't know how old they were
- Thirty-two said their favorite place to go shopping is Old Orchard Mall
- Eighty-seven said their favorite store to shop at was a clothing store

Left photo: Is it just me or is freshman Tom Choi holding up a sock during the first pep assembly of the year. Here freshmen experience one of the joys of high school pep assemblies.

Right photo: Melanie Maizego plays the xylophone for the marching band at a Varsity Football game. Many Freshmen join band the first year of their high school career.

Janet Choi
Tom Choi
Juliet Chong
Maria Chrisos
Sung Jin Chun
Janine Ciemny
Liz Cmrov

Dianne Cochran
David Cohen
Kathleen Corrigan
Victoria Cosa
Eliot Costianis
Mark Cunney
Nicole Curry

Jesus Custodio
Maria Dallas
Leonard Dalmacio
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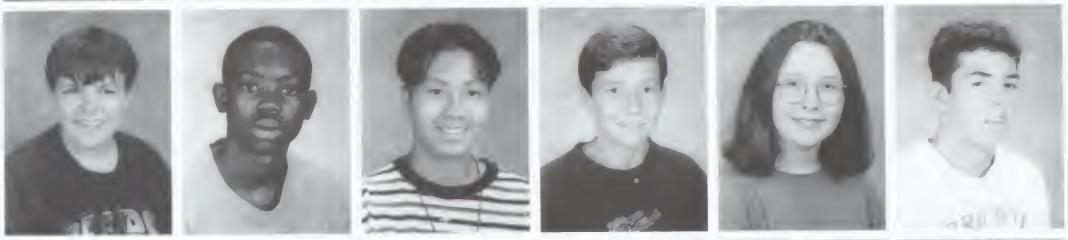
Katrina De Ocampo



Jeremy Dillon
Jason Done
Pierre-Louis Dros
Ronald Duran
Derek Edwardson
Emily Eisel
Nick Ellinger

Nick Endres
Richard Flosi
Jorina Fontelera
Bardia Fard
Christopher Fortman
Brycee Fowler
Scott Frake

Mike Freeman
Jennifer Frnst
Julie Fuhrer
Manda Gack
Karla Garcia
Marice Gascon
Mark Gavina

Thomas Gawron
Mitesh Gheewala
Marina Gitlin
Jillian Goldberg
Arthue Goldshteyn
Jacob Goldsmith
Genevieve Gosun

Varun Goyal
Maggie Graham
Leon Gressel
Terry Hagio
Kimberly Hall
Sara Hansen
Shannon Hardesty

Lizzie Harris
Shayna Harris
Brian Hart
Steven Hedeen
Cha Hera
Erica Heitmann

Mary Pat Hellum
Ricky Hermes
Gabriella Hernandez
Chris Hester
Scott Hirsch
Alex Ho

Danny Hong
Joel Horowitz
Dan Huscher
Azam Hussain
Imran Hussain
Sheila Iakhani

Darrell Ilagan
Camaron Inglesby
Caroline Ishida
Pamela Izvanariu
Garry Jackson
Jessica Jafari

Michael Jansson
Sojy John
Garrett Johnson
Anthony Jones
Linesh Joseph
Sora Jung

Randee Kagan
Voula Kakaletris
Piok Kanamoto
Tiffany Kane
Diana Kang
Tony Kao

Mary Ann Kattezham
Adam Kellman
Tamar Kelmer
Marquita Kendrick
Yogeeta Keny
Jason Kerman

Flavio Kiam
Andrew Kim
Esther Kim
Luke Kim

Michael Kim
Paul Kim
Sonja Kim
Latoya King

Tom King
Amanda Kinney
Kelly Kinslow
Susan Kinsman

Lukasz Kisielewski
Dan Klein
Vesna Kljajic
Joann Kochikaran

Every year on the week of Homecoming the halls are filled with decorated lockers. Locker decorating shows spirit for the sports teams who play the last games of the season

ode to the locker

Long and narrow without
enough hooks
to put all your stuff and all your
books
Coats, books, and mirrors to
check your hair
Lockers treated without any
care
Lockers you go to
everyday
to look at the picture
you put of Mr. May
Sharing lockers with a close
friend
The fight for room never ends
Papers, wrappers and notes
littering the floor
Pictures of friends on the door

In the lockers there is so much
junk
At the end of the year you'll
need a trunk
Books piled high, to the top
Adding to the mess will never
stop
One more paper
everyday
Until the pile begins
to sway
Before all the books
and paper falls
and liter the carpet and the
halls
Closing the door just in time
Just in time for the end of the
rhyme

Nancy Kogan
Sandi Kollath
Shiny Korattiyil
Ravel Korishma
Mario Korzun
Jamie Koser

David Krzysko
Mark Kulaga
Shairee Lackey
Jennifer Lane
Jamie Lapaglia
Eva Lappas

Freshmen Mike Peronti and friend walk nervously up to the sidewalk the first day of school. They had a good reason to worry because Mikes friend was never heard from again.

a freshman day

A typical day in the life of a freshman goes something like this . . .
6:00 - 6:45 : Get up, get dressed and eat breakfast (in no particular order).
6:45 - 7:05 : Jump on the school bus and take an enjoyable ride through the country side to school.
7:05 - 7:30 : Hang out in the cafe with friends until homeroom starts.
(Mods)
1 : Homeroom
2-4 : English
5: Break
6-9: Earth Science
10: Break
11-13: Spanish
14-16: Band
17-19: Lunch
20-22: Algebra
23-25: Gym
26-28: People and their Cultures
(Civilian Time)
2:25 - ?: Hang out with friends, take bus home, eat, do homework, and go to sleep (no particular order).
If you think this is fun, just wait till you're a sophomore!!

Debarah Levine
Justin Levy
Oleg Leybovich
Leocris Leynes
Becky Ligas
Esther Lim

Charles Madolski
Jennifer Mahler
Ray Maia
Maggie Majerczyk
Kristina Mallorca
Dan Malooly

Joseph Kougias
Helen Koutsovitas
Scott Krell
Piotr Kretowski
Ken Krueger

Laura Lara-Gomez
Matt Lasky
Sean Lau
Amy Lee
Ceclia Lee

The freshmen cheerleading team poses for the camera at the homecoming pep assembly. The team helped kick off the ceremonies by marching in the parade after school.

Chris Lee
Je Kwon Lee
Jennifer Lee
John Lee
Justin Lee
Ronald Lee

Sumi Lee
Sunny Lee
Susie Lee
Lindsey Lehman
Helen Lerner
Evangeline Leventis

Frances Lim
Jimmy Lochner
Shayne Loiotile
Claudia Lopez
Joe Lucarelli
Elizabeth Maclennan

Melanie Manego
Jillian Matik
Kelly McCoy
Caroline McDonald
Danny Mendoza
Martha Merendon

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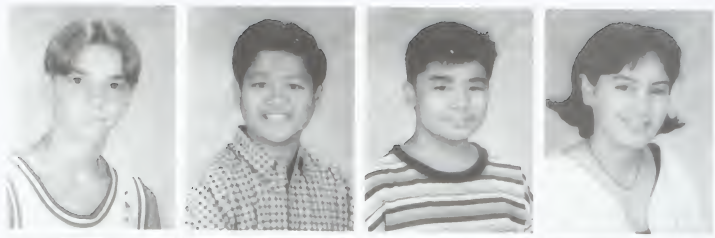
Bryan Nabong
Michael Naidas
Katie Naka



Mary Noonan
Kim Nowak
Mary Charmaine Ogoy
Jeff Olsen

Khristine Padiernos
Nirali Patel
Yogini Patel
Angela Park

John Pavlovic
Jessica Perez
Elizabeth Perri
Robert Peterson

never too OLD for toys

by Sue Semaszczuk

It seemed that once you entered high school, toys became a thing of the past. Well think again. Toys are back, in fact, they never were gone.

What is it about toys that make so many people happy? Maybe the hours of fun or the joy they bring. Of course since there are different characteristics of people, there is also different kinds of toys. Which do you have? Could it be one of the Sanrio stuffed animals or maybe a big blue Tick. No matter what kind, its yours, and that's all. Freshman Nicole Bartl says that her favorite toy is Buddy, her teddy bear. Why? "Because he's a big cuddly cutie." Think about it. Aren't they always there for you when you need them? But, see when your friends come along, everything's different. Yeah, you laugh at some of the new things, but haven't you ever thought "Hey, how come they never had that when I was little"? At sometime, you probably did. Wait, just because some toys weren't around when you were little doesn't mean that you still can't have them.

But you see, the toys are back. Take a look around during the day. Toys are seen everywhere, even in classrooms, sticking on backpacks, or just in someone's arms. Things might not be what they seem, like the older you get the less fun you can have. Remember, you're never too old for toys. Have fun, get a toy.

Freshman Jamie Koser and sophomore Bruce Snyder take a break from dancing. The week of spirit ended as it always does with a Homecoming dance.

Carolyn Nakai
Keenan Namkung
Brandon Nelson
Jessica Nem
Jo-Anne Noche
Ernest Nolasco

Nida Omran
Shannon O'Neill
Conrad Ora
Maria Oroc
Jenna Osness
Benjamin Outland

Esther Park
Peter Park
Vincent Pasia
Patima Pataramekin
Jenny Pathieu
Melissa Patterson

Jeny Pinarkyil
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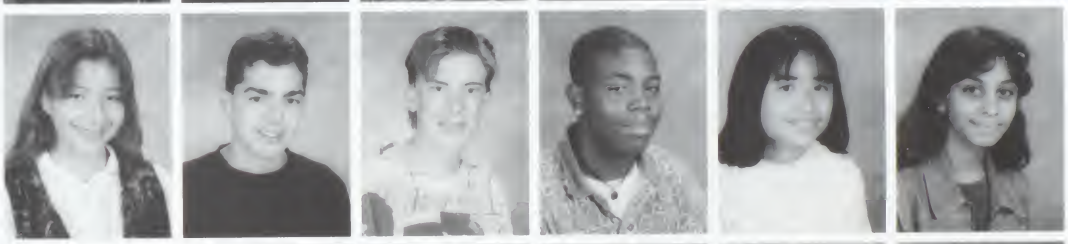

Nancy Puma
Scott Purtell
Joshua Putt
Shallah Raekwon
Arlana Ramos
Nazneen Rashid

Bruno Rasich
Joseph Ravanna
Elizabeth Rehfeldt
Derek Reich
Michael Repel
Baron Reznik

Christina Roiniotis
Philip Roldan
Brian Romero
Lara Rosenbush
Leslie Roth
Jennifer Rottner

Dara Sacher
Heidy Saidai
Alain Salvacion
Sam Sammartino
Lee Sang

Eric Santos
Eric Scanlan
Mike Schaab
Sara Scheibe
Steven Schmidt

Dustin Schneider
Joel Schnieder
Adrienne Schoen
Brian Schorsch
Laura Schreibstein

Laura Schroeder
Laura Schutt
Bella Seperghan
Tim Sepulveda
Roshani Shah

Karen Shajan
Scott Shapiro
Arif Sheikh
Ayesha Sheikh
Robert Sher

Ka Young Shim
Na Young Shim
Jimmy Shin
Joseph Shin
Stella Shon

A group of freshmen show their school spirit on the freshmen float. The Homecoming parade starts after the pep assembly and concludes in less than two hours.

Kathy Shoykhet
Mariam Shuartser
Leo Shvartser
Mariam Siddiqui
Mara Silver
Anna Sinagra

Joanna Sinagra
Marianna Singer
Adri Siriwatt
Lori Sison
Elizabeth Skillen
Shanna Smith

Ken Smolecki
Kathryn Smoody
Sabina Smycznska
Stephanie Snyder
Matthew Sola
Chintan Soni

Finding Who You Are

Ah-High School. It's a place of learning, activities, sports, friends, memories to come, and yes-SENIORS!! Now that you are going to high school, how do you change your old junior high attitude and style. After all, high school is one step closer to maturity and responsibility. Most freshmen want to fit in with the rest of the teens roaming the halls, and they don't want to stand out. Why? The answer is simple- who would want pranks or the notorious "Freshmen" chant done to them? So how did you change your ways to be part of the crowd?

"This year, I now can put on makeup with ease and make it look more natural. I also found my own collection of fashions." -Sabina Smyczynska

"What did I change?- My views towards other people. I started liking many people, getting to know them and making a lot of friends. I also renewed friendships with old enemies." -Tania Studenski

"Finding better music to listen to and making a lot of friends. I also don't see my old friends much anymore- I don't have classes with them." -Mike Repel

"I got contacts and became more responsible." Carolline Ishida

"I changed my style.-Now its longer and baggier. I also met more friends.'" -Jamie Toushin

"I changed my hairstyle to an easier-to-manage one because I'm very active." -Derek Reigh

"My outlook on life." -Tom Vranas

Nilam Soni
Michael Soriano
Denise Sotelo
Jarrett Spiegel
Vicky Spiratos

John Stash
Marlina Stimac
Tanya Studenski
Becki Swain
Peter Szablowski

Caroline Rzewnicki
Pascale Metellus
Kristey Michalak
Michael Min

Jonathon Moy
Sylvia Sztapka
David Thornton
Angel Tillis

Athena Toliopoulos
Wajtek Trezbunia
Jeff Tucker
Max Tucker

Money, money, money!

By Kelly McBreen

Cha ching, a common sound heard as a reward after money has been made. Once again freshmen are at the bottom of the totem pole. How do they make money, they're still babies! Most employers will not hire kids younger than 16, so where does that leave freshmen? Well lucky for them there are some places that will take them in. Places like McDonald's and Burger King are always recruiting young friendly people. Working at a place like this is a good way to make money and is also flexible with teens schedules.

For those who don't like a steady work week there is always babysitting. Babysitting can be a good way to act responsible and have fun at the same time. Playing with blocks and getting play-dough out of little Suzie's hair adds up to a great way to spend a Friday night! Although babysitting is not the most glamorous of jobs, it can add up to a lot of cash, and you could always have a special bond with a tiny-tot.

Another unusual but practical job is walking a dog. This is a great way to spend a lovely spring morning. Letting Fido walk you is a good way to help the neighborhood oldies and earn cash at the same time.

Lawn care and snow shoveling are different ways to make money and it is something with a little variety that's offered all year long. If a summer job is what you're looking for then lawn care is a good possibility. Just think its a good source for cash and you can get a great tan all at the same time! If winter is more your style- BUNDLE UP!

And for some of us there will always be mommy and daddy to turn to for a few extra pennies here and there!

Whatever the case may be, freshmen always have and always will find a way to get extra money in their pockets.

A look of despretness crosses Freshman Lisa Torre's face as she realizes she is a nickle short in her attempt to buy a thirst quenching coke.

Claudia Mitrig
Andy Moghina
Amina Mohammed
Monica Morariu
Christopher Moy
Jacqueline Moy

Sofia Tirovolas
Yuliya Tkachuk
Sherri Torrecer
Bryan Torio
Lisa Torres
Jamie Toushin

Elizabeth Turk
Maria Tzakis
Stacey Paul
Phil Vella
Irene Vergos
Francis Villegas

Diana Volarevic
Tom Vranas
Marijana Vujoshevich
Conor Watson
Thomas Wattenbarger
Jeanette Weidner

Jonathon Welbel
Jeanette Weldner
Laurie Welsh
Bryan Wexler
Michael Wherfel
John Wimmer

Ryan Wirth
Lowell Yap
Nancy Yasay
Christina Yu
Roger Yum
Nicholas Zafiropoulos

Andy Zalon
Arthur Zaremba
Scott Zehner
Joanne Zimmer
Gwen Zoldan
Jonathan Zavelovich

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Teachers Under Fire

Faculty . . . the word may scare many students. The intimidating lectures along with the killer exams are enough to give all staff members the reputation of being tyrants. However, there is a lot more to them than what students usually see. Behind the scene, you can catch members of the athletic department participating in the Homecoming parade with bicycles, balloons, and a water gun (left). No matter how odd it seems, faculty members are fun-loving human beings as well. So, all faculty members please take a bow like orchestra director Steven Katz (above). You deserve it for the different images that we imagined you in.

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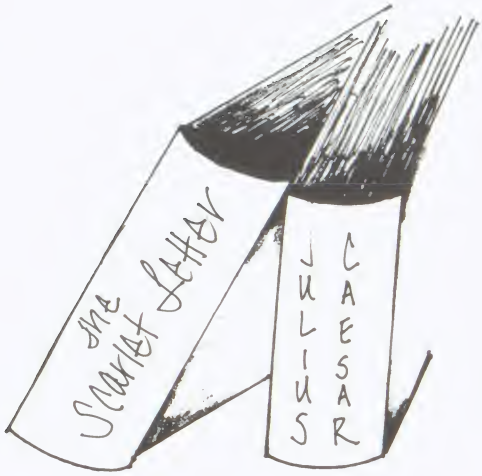
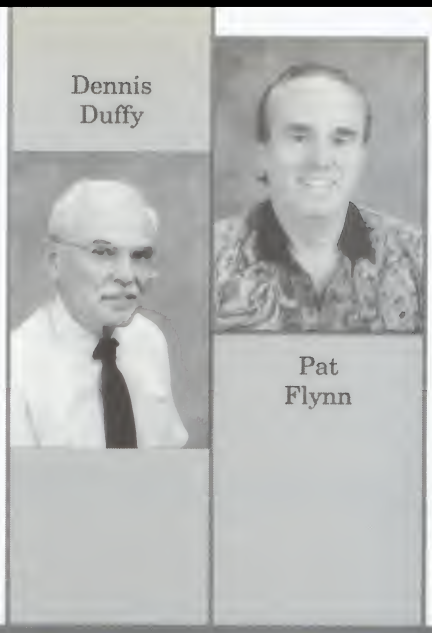

The Scarlet Letter
JULIUS CAESAR

Stefanie Akwa, ESL
Dana DesJardins


Dennis Duffy
Pat Flynn

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
A Doll's House

Barbara Harris
Marvin Klebba
David Klingenberger
Michele Lewis

Moby Dick
Romeo and Juliet
THE KING MUST DIE

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Tara Pollack
Karen Renford

Nanciann Gatta

Angela Graham

Beth Hagner

Kathryn Hancock

Blake Magnuson

Sally Moore

Geri Nash

Matthew Parrilli

Faith Shapiro

Pat Stone Reading

Jody Weatherington

Matt Weatherington, Learning to Excel

Lisa Dunham, Home Economics

Gary Davis, Art

David Dobbs, Practical Arts

Paula Bachman, Chorus

Glenn Anderson, Industrial Arts

Nancy Erickson, Home Economics

Fine and Practical Arts

George Galla, Drivers Education

Frank Houlihan, Drivers Education

Robert Johnson, Theatre and English

Glenn Jurek, Industrial Art

Steven Katz, Orchestra

Florence Nemkovich, Home Economics

Patrick Savage, Home Economics

Fine and Practical Arts

Foreign Language &

Scott Ackman, Social Studies
Joe Meyer, Social Studies

Gerald Bovers, Social Studies
Christopher Schwarz, Social Studies
Dawn Jacobs, Foreign Language

Chris Fontana, Foreign Language
Andrew Johnson, Foreign Language
Earl Nowak, Foreign Language

Ana Rios-Murphy, Foreign Language
Elizabeth Robertson, Foreign Language
Denise Sklar, Foreign Language

Social Studies

Dana Baumeister, Social Studies
Steve Grossman, Psychology
Shaun Waldron, Social Studies

Math + Busi

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Emil Capitani, Math
Jill Costanzi, Math

Kathleen Fahey, Math
Kathleen Kelly, Math
Rick Kolze, Business Education
David Larson, Math

Eric Lueder, Business Education
Tim Miller, Math
Robert Murphy, Math
Robert Nortillo, Math

ON/OFF

Evelyn Raffanti, Math
Jenifer Sinnick, Business Education
Jerry Smith, Math

ness Education

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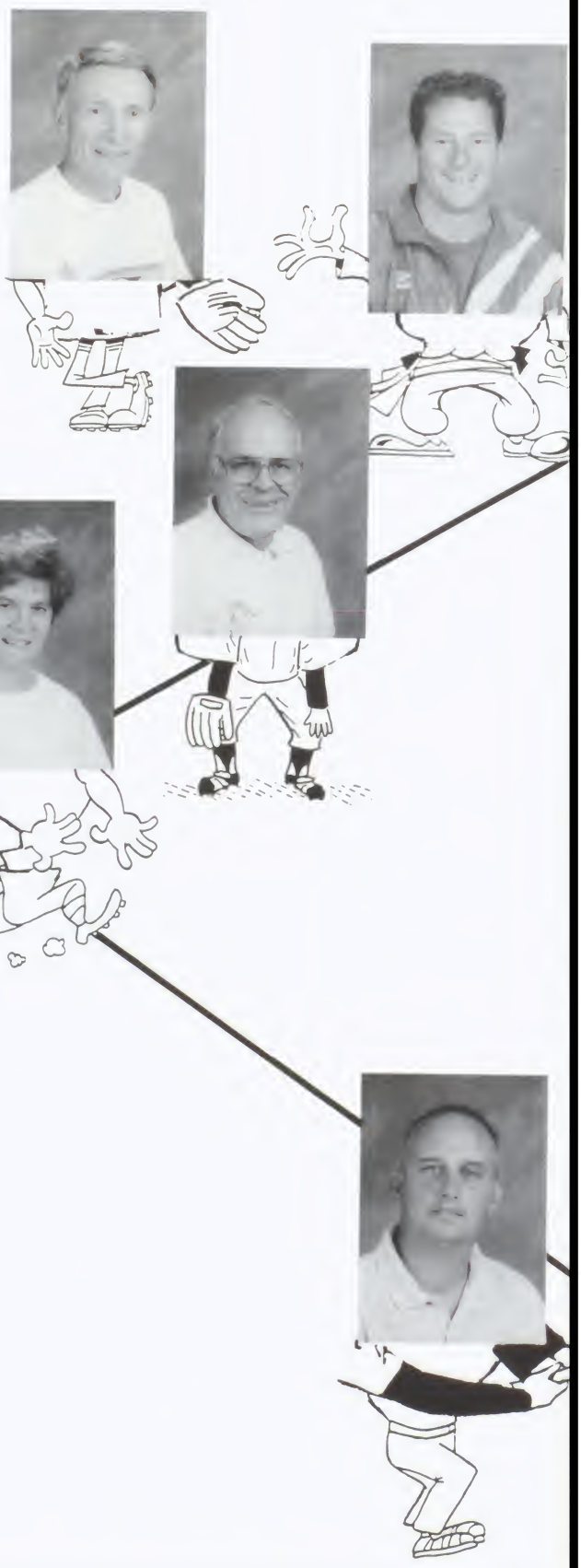
GO BIG RED!

-The 1996 Indian line up-
Jean Armour, third base
John Armour, left field
Ron Campbell, center field
Pamela Foerch, right field
Garry Gustafson, first base
Ronald Henrici, second base
Leanne Hillier, shortstop
Brian Katzman, pitching
Patricia Matlak, catching
Steven Ramseyer, batting
Judi Sloan, rounding first
Mitch Stern, occupying second
Becky Tuecke, cruisin' by third



Periodic

George Austin

Richard DeCoster

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BERYLLIUM
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Dottie Fugiel

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SODIUM
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Ruth Gleicher
Sarell Hesser

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POTASSIUM
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TITANIUM
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IRON
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Martha Lietz
Margaret Metzinger
Cindy Protus-Edelstein
Elizabeth Ramseyer

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STRONTIUM
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James Strnad
Howard Swider
Don Waddell

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TUNGSTEN
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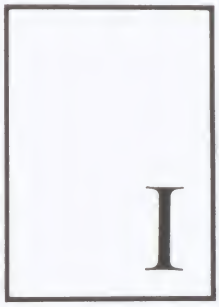

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Patericia Harn, Executive Secretary/ Principal
Dolores McClead, Maintenance

Gerry O'Connell, Department Executive Secretary
Richard Olle, Security Officer

Lynne Scholpp, Special Education Assistant
Hedy Schwenn, Foreign Language Resource Center
Nancy Sheehan, Deans' Secretary
Jacqui Smith, Security

Jeanne Walshon, Math/Science Resource Center
Ron Wendell, Attendance

Mods of Our Lives

The core of high school should be academic education, right? After all, it is the reason for the whole institution we know as school. Academics are supposed to train us for the future occupations in the "real world". So why is the real world nothing like school? Along with providing us with hours of socializing (well, maybe not hours), Niles West offers a variety of electives to keep students from spending all their time in the cafeteria. Left, senior Jenny Hastings recalculates a polynomial function during class. Although only three years of math fulfill the graduation requirement, many choose to take math all four years. Senior Pahn Patarmekin takes a break between her classes to catch up on some studying. The library is mainly used for quiet study, but if you do not mind the noise, just have a seat in the hall . . . (until a security guard spots you).

Many students take advantage of our wonderful fine arts program, including many courses involving drama and music. Orchestra and band are the most common classes students take to improve their musical talent. What a lot of students don't realize is that there are more courses to take. These include Bach to Rock, beginning guitar and music theory. In Bach to Rock, students study folk, jazz, rock, and classical music. Beginning guitar helps students who are starting to play the guitar. Some fundamentals they learn are reading music, playing various strums and chords, and setting chords to music. Music theory concentrates on students who are interested in how music is constructed. They learn how music is placed part by part to be transformed into a musical piece. Elements of melody and harmony, scale construction, ear-training, history computer technology, and other topics are taught.

Our drama department is also spectacular. Acting I and II focus on creating characters in many situations, techniques in interpretation, and script analysis. The directing course helps create leadership in theater. Students learn various techniques for producing plays such as selecting and analyzing scripts, casting, directing and rehearsing. Students also have the opportunity to prepare a one-act play. In play production, students learn skills for creating and producing a large play. Finally, stagecraft provides a view of theater from a technical standpoint where students can learn to design scenery and special effects.

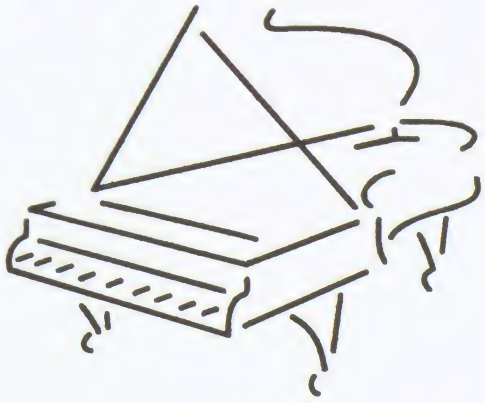
These courses are available to everyone. Since many students haven't taken these wonderful courses, they were cancelled for this year. Next year, some of the courses might be offered again if a certain number of students sign up. So make some room in your schedule to improve your knowledge and skills in the fine arts.

This year's fall production was *The Bad Seed*. The play addresses the question of nature or nurture. Many students join crew or audition for parts in the school productions.

Junior Joey Kahn is the "Phantom of the Opera" as he conducts the Marching Band during their concert. This year's Drum Majors played a vital role during the successful marching season.

"The West Brass" is a brass quintet consisting of musicians whose excelling talents helped them soar to great accomplishments. This group is maintained solely by their own members. Members are: juniors Matt Terdich, Roger Herling, Nick Piekos, Jerome Jovero, and senior Brian Kane.

With precision and support, Master Singers perform at the Fall Orchestra and Choral Concert. The group has matured over the past years, and they live up to their name of being the "top choir".



Junior Gina Zimmer practices rescue breathing on an infant. Students learn life saving techniques such as CPR in lifeguarding.

Junior Leanne Vollmann is learning the proper technique on how to save a drowning infant. The lifeguarding class is offered for a whole semester, and six weeks of that is spent out of the water learning CPR.

by Andrea Braovac

Physical education nowadays does not just mean running a few laps and doing a set of sit-ups. The class format of physical education has been drastically changed over the past few years. Instead of signing up for activities like badminton and pickle ball, students have the opportunity to participate in classes such as: advanced dance, lifeguarding, and physical management. These classes are not just for the students enjoyment, but they also give students a chance to perfect their abilities for the future.

In advanced dance, students study and learn different styles of dance such as: ballet, jazz and modern dance. They are given the chance to choreograph their own dances and teach them to others. Junior Lucy Parreno states, "I signed up for the advanced dance class because it gives me a chance to do something I like a lot. It also helps me out with orchesis and Pom Pon." So, next time you think of gym as a waste of time with no purpose, think again. It might help you out with what you want to do in the future.

Jean Armour's freshman gym class dances its heart away to Paula Abdul's new song. Dance is one of the many required activities held in freshman gym.

Senior gym leader Jeimme Nevalga hits a jazz move. The dance class is divided into three sections-jazz, ballet, and modern.

Mr. Lueder teaches this class on how to become more wise and successful in this business world. Many demands today are in business.

Mr. Lueder watches over his class while his students work in groups on their projects together.

Mr. Lueder gives advice to senior Kent Kozlowski on how to be more wise in this business world. Our school offers many classes on many businesses.

Junior David Hwang and senior George Cochran receives assistance from Mr. Lueder. Many students sign up for business classes in order for them to succeed in this business world.

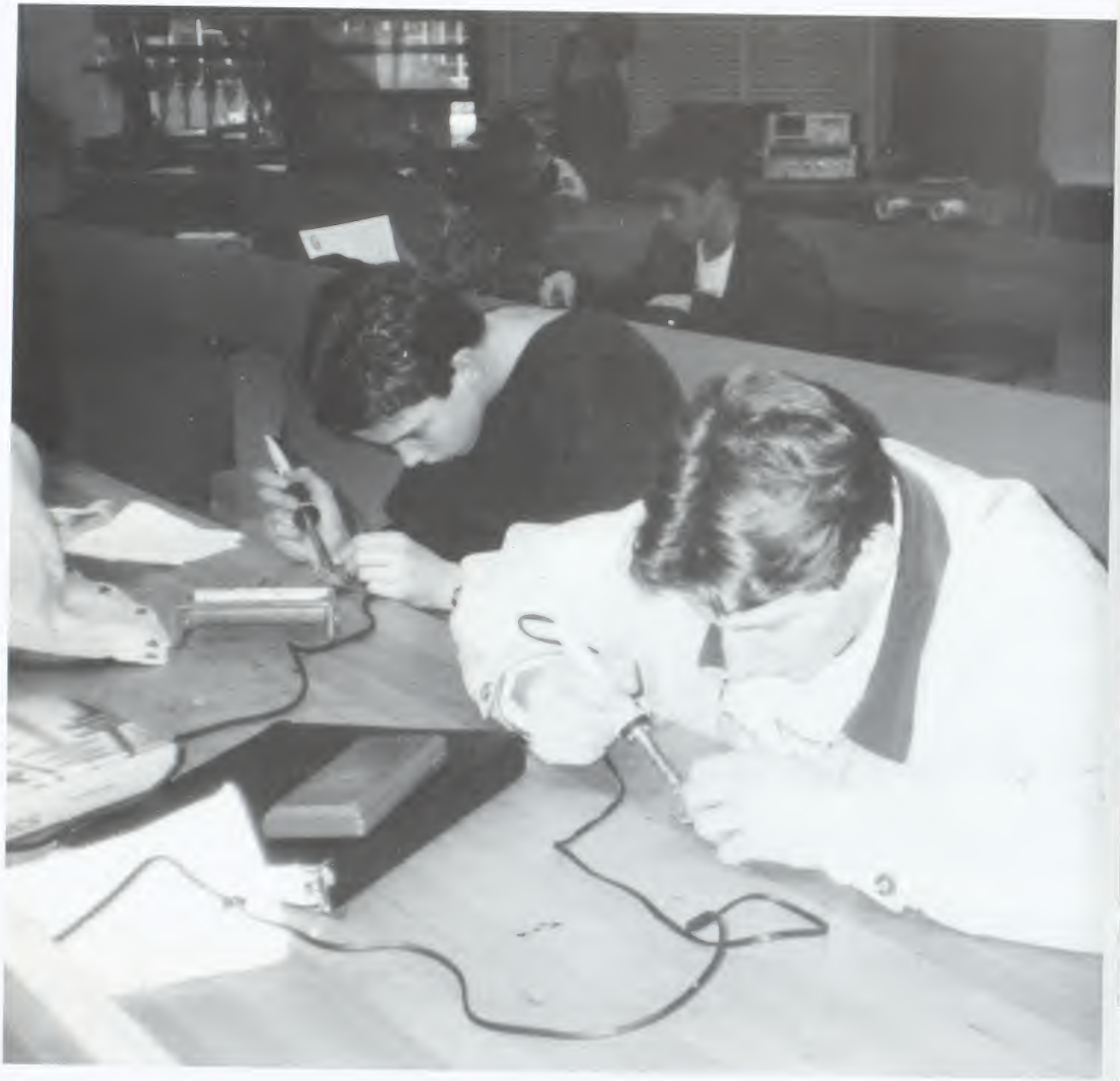
Looking to the Future

As a student progress through high school it is important to begin preparing for the future. There are very few jobs available for people without any experience, and without any training the chance of getting a decent job is poor. Today, there are great demands in the business fields such as marketing, sales, manageable/management, and administrative support fields. For those who are interested, there are many selections of different courses for students in grades 10, 11, and 12.

Every student should train for his future employment, whatever his interest may be. There are classes which offer many of these selections, but some of the business classes have been omitted from the curriculum because of lack of interest from students. "I was very disappointed when the advanced accounting was cancelled. I planned to be an accountant and I was disappointed," said senior Christine Mahnke. These specialized classes are very important to those who want them, and the reason many of them are being cancelled is because many students simply do not know about them. But good training in these fields is available right here in our school. So think about preparing for the future and sign up for a business class.

Rick Kolze breaks the rules when he sits on the desk in accounting class. Kolze prepares top qualifying students to compete against area schools at the Accounting Competition each May at Oakton Community College.

Junior David Hwang and his partner senior George Cochran work together on their project in Consumer Education. Many times in high school life, students seek each others help.



Senior Steve Neumayer and Christian Deorff, work very carefully to complete their tasks. Electronics takes a lot of precision, patience, and skills.

Hands On!

Have you ever wished you could cook like that guy on Channel 11? "Yan Can Cook"? Or how about learning to put together wires to make your own lamp? Or actually fix the wires on your broken stereo? Well you can! Just take Chef's Course or Electronics during your high school years.

Chef's Course is a class that helps students learn how to cook different kinds of foods. Yes, there is homework, but its worth it in the end. Not only does Chef's Course help you learn how to cook, but it gets people ready for the future. They don't have to order take out forever! Students cook three times a week and stay in a classroom and complete written assignments approximately 2-3 times a week. Just picture this: cooking, eating, then cooking and eating again. Sounds good, huh? Plus, you get a credit for the class.

Electronics is a class more technologically involved than Chef's Course. It's a class where a student can start off with simple wires, and then when his/her skills add up . . . maybe he/she could actually start fixing his/her broken appliances. Remember, it takes years of practice and learning. Many students take Electronics during their high school years to help them get started in college. "The class is helpful, helpful for my college plans and for my future," states senior, Rexford Quijano.

"Electronics is a class that enhances hands on work. We make interesting projects that benefit our electronic lives," says senior Steve Neumayer.

In conclusion, Chef's Course and Electronics are very practical classes. The classes can help students learn the abilities to work with their hands. Just remember, these skills will help in the future, during college or just when friends come dropping by. Anyway, students will always have their appliances working and they'll always have food for their friends.

In Chef's Course you can make your cake and eat it too. This is the philosophy demonstrated by senior Misty Isaacson.

Wow, is that a guy I see cooking? Yes, there are actually some guys who want to learn the techniques of cooking. One day they will make a wife very happy!

Teacher Lou Torres demonstrates to his students a few short cuts. Electronics is a course that allows students to get hands on experience in the electronical world.

HEAD OF THE CLASS

by Kelly McBreen

Possibly one of the classes least recognized by the average student is anatomy. This is a course that gives students hands on experience about the human body. "I actually touched the human brain," remarked junior Christina Moen. "It felt like a dry pork chop." It takes a mighty strong stomach to handle a "dry pork chop!" Students first learn about the human body and then dissect various parts of the body such as the eye. The highlight of the course is a field trip to see cadavers. (For those of you who are not familiar with the term "cadaver", it means a dead body.) This gives students a chance to see up close and personal what they studied all year. The class also has a guest speaker come in and talk about the horrors of receiving a heart transplant. This gives students a picture of what really goes on in the minds of people receiving a transplant. Typically this class is taken by juniors and seniors who wish to pursue a career in the medical field. So do you think you could handle it?

Heart transplants are nothing short of a miracle. Guest speaker Scott Frank is living proof that organ donors really do make a difference.

Junior Nenis Ibrahim examines the human heart while filling in the corresponding diagram. In this class students are no strangers to the art of dissecting various organs.

Senior Madonna Balauog works tediously at sketching the human heart for anatomy class. This active class includes drawing, dissecting, and a trip to the morgue.

Guest speaker Scott Frank displays his bronze medal won playing basketball at the Olympics. Not just any Olympics but one for athletes with organ transplants.

Laughing at the ease of the task ahead of them sophomore Charmaine Grandinetti and senior Savitre Tubrung draw various nerves and veins of the human body. This course is offered to juniors and seniors.

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Hangin' With Mr. Turry

What an incredible year for Niles West Athletics! (left) At the Homecoming Assembly, the football team was getting ROOOOWWDY! They proved triumphant over the Maine East Demons, beating them seven to six. (above) Another spirited sports team shines out, the Girls Cross Country Team. They had an amazing season, ending as the CSL Conference champs. They were a very dedicated, hard-working group of girls who knows that there is no "I" in team.

Junior varsity player Renee Base performs a throw-in during a game last year. This was Base's first year competing on the soccer team.

Freshman Cathy Shin plays hard as she steals the ball away from her opponents. Shin was a wonderful half-back player.

With guts and determination, sophomore Amy Ginsburg attempts a slide tackle to kick the ball away from an opposing defender. Ginsburg was one of the few sophomores chosen to play with the varsity team.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Amy Ginsburg, Patty Belesiotis, Beth Otero, Savitre Tubrung, Erin Nelson. SECOND ROW: Amanda McCormick, Georgette Miklaj, Jenny Western, Rebecca Robertson, Filoniki Goulas, Jenny Zalon, Susie Olson. THIRD ROW: Coach Brennan, Megan Bach, Lauren Sullivan, Laura Dema, Donna Ulasevich, Kira Keegstra, Susie Weiss

JUNIOR VARSITY FRONT ROW: Tamar Mikaelion, Sara Zellermayer, Aubree Horvath, Jessica Knudsen, Liz Bera. SECOND ROW: Nancy Choi, Kara Isaac, Tracy Peterson, Cathy Shin, Sarah Koo, Tasia Benetatos, Sung Park, Arabella Zaroo. THIRD ROW: Coach Whittman, Juliana Zusstone, Barbara Samuelson, Karyna Zarate, Susan Shamoun, Maya Vujoshevich, Rea Chronopoulos. FOURTH ROW: Susan Parapetti, Maria Trograncic, Andrea Braovac, Renee Base.

Girls Soccer

A Kick Out of Soccer

Although a growing infatuation internationally, soccer as Americans view it seems like no more than the simple game of kicking a ball around. But the girls on the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity soccer teams feel differently. Under the guidance of their coaches, the girls have shown great strength and ability during their season. The soccer season is a long one but also very enjoyable.

During the months of March, April, and May, Monday through Friday, from three to five, the girls work very hard practicing for every game. The practices include such activities as sprints, jogging, drilling, and scrimmaging against one another. Although it seems like there are very serious practices, the girls always find time to fool around. From these enthusiastic practices, they not only improved their soccer skills but have revitalized the appreciation for soccer around them.

Junior Kira Keegstra cuts it close and saves the ball before it has time to roll out of the sideline. Keegstra played a very important roll as one of the two varsity captains.

Sophomore Tracy Peterson makes a perfect kick while putting strong defense on Maine East. Peterson had a wonderful season starting for the J.V. soccer team.

Sophomores Barbara Samuelson, Renee Base, and Tasia Benetatos chat about what was happening during the game. The J.V. and varsity teams all got along wonderfully throughout the entire season.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Vickey Lombardo, Stacy Strama, Katie Berg. SECOND ROW: Jenny Matik, Liana Sorgel, Linda Khoshaba, Jen Reifenberg, Angie Sidaris, Stacy Boldt. BACK ROW: Coach Sfickas, Kim Richards, Christina Gabler, Jenny Wielgus, Kristine Mueller.

JUNIOR VARSITY FRONT ROW: Wendy Vega, Vicky Giannos, AnnMarie Lochner, Nicole Pagani. SECOND ROW: Tiffany Sakolsky, Niki Mollet, Katie Wielgus, Maris Grossman. BACK ROW: Brittany Thorsen, Faye Sair, Coach Ramseyer, Lisa Neville, Terri Gawron.

FRESHMAN FRONT ROW: Jamie Hayden, Jamie Kozlowski, Lisa Boldt, Jessica Matik. SECOND ROW: Bridget Walsh, Sabrina Krzak, Kris Frake, Chrissy Wlodarcyzk, Andrea Mueller. BACK ROW: Colleen McKenna, Courtney Krell, Amy Hildebrandt, Lena Lulias, Rhonda Macejack.

ABOVE: At an away game at Evanston, sophomore Kim Richards slides safely into third base. Richards was one of the few sophomores to play for the varsity team. She also lives a mere 3 blocks away from the managing editor. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the varsity team cheer on their teammates as they strive for a victory. The varsity team owes a lot of their accomplishments to the coaching of Paula Sfickas.

"Let's Go Big Red!" the freshman softball team yells after a great play. Members of the team have fun and different ways of showing team spirit and support.

Girls Softball

Practice Makes Perfect

By: Maria Trograncic

Spring symbolizes the beginning of many exciting events. To some, it merely starts the final months of school. To others, it means spending more time outdoors. The softball players always catch spring fever in a major way.

Although having two hour practices after school everyday may sound hard and tiring, they can be fun as well. Junior Kim Richards, who played on the varsity team said, "Even though practices can be strenuous, we still manage to have fun. It makes it an even more enjoyable season if you make friends with the people on the team."

Senior Vicky Lombardo positions herself for the next incoming pitch. Lombardo was also chosen as one of the few all conference players.

Practices are not all fun, though. Besides the workouts, the worst part of practices can be the weather. "I hate it when it is absolutely freezing outside, and we still have to go outside and practice in the wet mud," said junior Faye Sair. But no matter what hardships the weather, coaches or other obstacles the girls run across, the game will go on.

With strength and power, varsity pitcher Jenny Wielgus winds up for her next pitch. Wielgus was the starting pitcher for the team and she was also a dedicated member of NHS and chorus.

First row: Angelica Joson, Helen Hwang, Joanne Lee, Saddaf Saudye, Jamenda Moss, SuJin Hwang, Betty Jacobs, Sandhya Vallabhapurapu, Debbie Kim, Gail Auerbach Second row: Lisa Milosavljevic, Janet Schabow, Susan Koo, Elenor Choi, Michelle Delpino, Heather Moorehouse, Prair Pataramekin, Mahnaz Ali, Michelle Eder, Sinee Kopsombut, Jackie Plett, Toni Viglione. Third row: Mr. Henrici, Mr. Medland, Liz Suh, Wendy Whiteside, Kristi Policht, Katie Hedrick, Asha Jopesh, Britt Wilms, Eugenia Ahn, Mrs. Armour, Mr. Armour. Fourth row: Marnie Goodfriend, Gabriela Vargas, Tracy Sloan, Laura Cohen, Olga Plotkna, Kelly Szlak, Renuka Purimetla, Amy Alexander. Fifth row: Tiffany Backner, Jenny Welch, Mika Keegstra, Dominicka Wawrzyniak, Christel Lee, Ticha Maleegrai, Kathleen Pawlowski

Freshman Kelly Szlak checks her time with Coach John Armour after finishing the 800 meter run. It is important for runners to compete against the clock because their best times will reflect where they are seated in the sectional meet.

Junior, Ticha Maleegrai leaps over the high jump bar at the sectional meet. The sectional meet was held in Wheeling resulting with one state qualifier, Kristi Policht.

Freshman Dominicka Wawrzyniak just fiercely released the discus. At 6'4" she is a great contribution not only to the track team but also to the basketball and volleyball programs.

Junior Joanne Lee gets off to a great start as the first leg of the 4x100 relay at Highland Park's indoor track begins. The indoors season ended with a fourth finish in conference.

Girls Track & Field

Lisa Milosavljevic, Kristi Policht, Britt Wilms, Liz Suh and Christel Lee quickly smile for the camera. Wilms and Milosavljevic were two from a select group of freshmen running on the varsity level.

A little nervous Marley?

WINNERS AT HEART

The 1994-1995 girls' track and field season was filled with determination and perseverance. They are in one of the toughest conferences battling against powerhouses such as Evanston and Waukegan. Even though they placed fourth during the indoor conference season and fifth during outdoor, no shame was brought upon the team.

"We had a great turnout this year, and there was a lot of enthusiasm. We were hard working all season and there was an abundance of young talent which will make our team stronger in the future," replied Jean Armour, one of the girls' track and field coach.

"State was a fun learning experience. I couldn't have made it without the support of my coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Armour. Hopefully next year more of the team will be able to qualify and share in the excitement." - Kristi Policht, 1995 state qualifier.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Coach Gustufson, Eric Eastman, Brett McGovern, Eric Parsill, Eric Tucker, Jeremy Niedermaier, Coach Klebba. SECOND ROW: Ronnie Friedman, Jeremy McCormick, Dave Mitria, Jesse O'Conner, Nitin Rao, Josh Boysen, Steve Brown, Jason Angelilli. BACK ROW: Matt East, Kent Kozlowski, Kenneth Zeman, Bill Roiniotis, Ron Policht, Seth Rosenberg.

JUNIOR VARSITY FRONT ROW: Joe Huscher, Jason Abbey, Christian Namkung, Andy Strauch. SECOND ROW: Mike Wolford, Luis Dorado, Peter Zonis, Sergio Nunez, Keith Diaz, Dan Malartsik. BACK ROW: Nick Mitria, Dan DePaolis, Pete Sikaris, Coach Stern, Chris Heuer, Andy Demonte, Danny Ha.

FRESHMEN A TEAM FRONT ROW: Mike Gabler, Hoor Bhampuri, Adam Kriticos. SECOND ROW: Richard Park, Dan Spitz, Joey Soijka, Jimmy Giannopolis, George Karatzias, Adam Federmen. BACK ROW: Dan Kim, Bryan Heuer, Coach Sasson, Ryan Goldflies, Scott Wood.

Sophomore Christian Namkung runs to try and make it safely on the base. The baseball team practiced hard outside everyday after school, even in the freezing weather.

FRESHMEN B TEAM FRONT ROW: Dan Flood, August Schuller, Alex Devera, Mark Kryzton. SECOND ROW: Ricardo Acosta, Jeremy Frentz, Martin Kramarz, Tim Wisnar, James Tillis, Mickey Meehan. BACK ROW: Coach Schwarz, Dragan Radojcic, Blake Eastman, Jeff Paulsen, Coach Swider.

Sophomore Dan DePaolis gets ready to pitch the ball to the opposing team. Along with baseball, DePaolis plays other sports, including football.

Boys Baseball

Members of the freshman baseball team look on to see how the game is going. It is important for members of a team to encourage each other during games and practices.

Sophomore Andy Strauch gets the opposing team member out while fellow sophomore Pete Sikaris cheers him on. Hand-eye coordination is important in the game of baseball.

Every team has its glorious moments or its highlights of the season. For the Bulls, it was John Paxon's winning three-pointer. For the Bears, it was winning the Super Bowl. For Northwestern, it was the enormous amount of games they have won this season. But what about the "special moments" for our baseball team? For every person, that moment of glory is different. Junior Jason Angelilli, the only sophomore to play varsity this year, says that his best memory of the season was the state playoff games. "It was our first game against Lake Forest. We had a couple of tough losses before this game, and we really wanted to do good. We ended up winning 19-1, and that win made us extremely proud. I would have to say that this was the game where our team really started to work together."

Varsity baseball coach Gary Gustufson had confidence in his team. When asked how the season went he said, "We had a very young team that matured and gained confidence as the season progressed. The four seniors, Jeremy Niedermaier, Ron Friedman, Jeremy McCormick, and Dave Mitria played a key role in our success, and they will be missed."

Freshman Adam Kriticos tries to beat the ball to the base so that he's not tagged out. Having two freshman teams gives students the opportunity to try as many sports as they can.

Front Row: Alex Shteyn, Keith Mukai, Matt Smith, Paul Torres. Second Row: Jack Dhepyasuah, Mike Fernandez, Chris Torres, Matt Javenshad, Rambod Saeedifard, Jordan Freeman, Gabe Adler. Third row: Berry Klein, Coach Foerch, Coach Torres, Coach Pantoja, Joe Oh, David Persky. Fourth Row: Charlie Tayona, Josh Smith, Nitin Malhotra, Nick Piekos, Alex Actipis, Raphael Kiam, Hyung Msup Kim. Back Row: Adeel Siddiqui, Brian Bode, Steve Adams, Ryan Troop, Jason Goldlust, Gary Ramirez, Johnny Kang.

Pictured to the right: Young athlete once again shows his constant persistence not only to help improve his skills, but also his team. He shows his strength and power in executing his moves.

Boys Gymnastics

Twist & Shout

by Juliana Zusstone

With the many sports available at Niles West, gymnastics requires the most ability centered on the individual rather than the group. It is far different from sports like basketball and soccer. They all require team determination and a strategy. In gymnastics, however, a strategy will not help. Either you know how to flip, turn and twist or you do not. There is also a great risk of being injured, but thanks to the wonderful supervision of the directors, the injuries have been held to a minimum, if at all any. The skill of all the gymnasts are simply an amazement to watch. The way they are able to contort their bodies and perform daring feats are simply breath-taking. Yet to be in gymnastics, a great deal of strength, endurance, and most importantly, determination are needed. So for all the boys participating in this activity, a congratulations are in order. Keep up the good work.

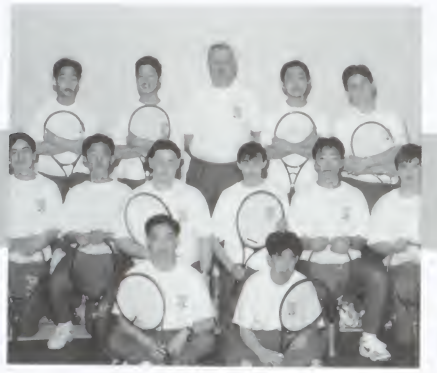
The Niles West boys gymnastics team is a perfect example of Darwin's survival of the fittest. This statement doesn't apply to our physical capabilities but rather our mental persistence.

Rambod Saeedifard

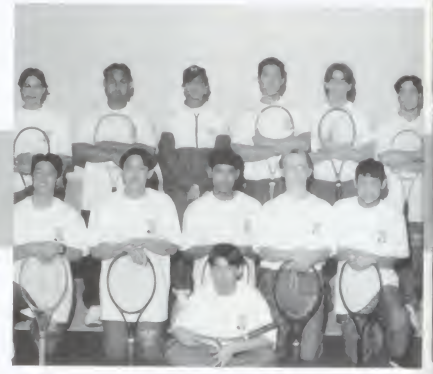
Under the wise guidance of the Coach Louie Torres the team has continued to mature and gain stature in this district. This is a team to be proud of.

No matter which way you look at it the Indians are the best! The gymnastics team has proven itself to be a major contender.

JUNIOR VARSITY ROW 3: Jordan Moon, Danny Ko, Coach Ron Gralewski, John Lee, Mike Kwisky. ROW 2: Pete Rakovic, John Baik, Igor Mamut, Dave Kulawik, Sung Kim. ROW 1: Jason Lin and Jason Park.



VARSITY ROW 3: Chris Moghina, Mike Castillo, Coach Lindsay Aland, Wil Ko, Mike Kuzecek, Matt Joseph. ROW 2: Sung Chi, David Chan, James Choe, Greg Czajkowski, Dan Kim. ROW 1: Shion Komatsu.



With proper form and strength, senior Mike Castillo hits a powerful serve against his opponent. The varsity team played a great season in the fall 1995 season with only few losses.

Boys Tennis

Senior Sung Chi shows proper technique for a return. The game of tennis requires good form, quickness, and strength.

SSHHHH!!!

Love, match point, smash and deuce are a few of the tennis terms used and heard in a tennis match. According to the encyclopedia, the game of tennis is classified as a racket game that originated in the fifth century in France. It was played on a rectangular court with a surface of grass. Now there are many differences that can be seen. Today tennis is a sport of power, speed, determination and concentration, much like what tennis players here have shown.

In the fall of 1995, the Boys Tennis team had a great season. It had ups and downs and victories and losses. But overall, West is still the best. Teams from all levels played very well. Returning players will be back, hoping for an even better season.

Senior Matt Joseph smashes the ball to his opponent during practice after school. Tennis practice takes place after school everyday in the season.

FRONT ROW: John Nannap, Jerome Jovero, Tim Nelson, Prashant Parsham, Mike Hedstrom, Aldiwn Gordula, Cecil Mahoney. SECOND ROW: Davis Kim, Andre King, Sam Alexander, Jordan Levine, Archy Jamjung, Chung Yoo, Mark Yoo, Song Ha, Vince Lombardo, Chirag Shah, Josh Buyer. THIRD ROW: Coach Savage, Coach Van Alstin, Carlos Cabral, John Mui, Chris Nelson, Jason Schauwecher, David Luxic, Mike Cimmarusti, Andy Whititng, Coach Campbell, Coach Henrici. FOURTH ROW: Chris Karlin, Breandan Holmes, Eric Chan, Mike Smith, Carlos Rojas, Jose Blanco, Edwin Ayala, Mark Pasignajen, Boris Radojic, Danny Hwang. BACK ROW: Sean King, Alfonso Bautista, Kareem Berube, Gary Chen, Rob Altman, Toni Gloriosa, Mike Lisle.

Junior Mike Cimmarusti approaches the jumping pit at a high rate of speed. Cimmarusti is one of few football players that went out for track.

Senior Gary Chen squints as he completes a successful jump. Chen was one of many jumpers for the team.

Pages by Mike Cimmarusti

Boys Track & Field

Sophomore Breandan Holmes attempts to clear five feet six inches. Holmes, standing at only five feet five inches, was a good jumper.

THE TRUTH BEHIND TRACK

Many people think that practice is the hardest part of track and field. However, junior Andre King stated, "It's really not that hard. My friends made it sound harder than it really was. I can recall only a few hard practices. All we did was sprint one-and-a-half miles. It sounds bad but it really wasn't"

"Since more people with a lot of talent came out, the team did really good this year. The J.V. team took second in conference." - Junior Danny Hwang

Others also think that it is pointless to run for nothing. However, when junior Danny Hwang was asked he stated, "At my first meet I didn't know what to expect. At the end of the meet I saw that the guys track team had a lot of team spirit. But it wasn't only our team it was all of them. Whenever there was a good race everyone would be on their feet. It was really something different."

With more and more people coming out for the team every year, the team is only getting better. The varsity team placed fifth in conference. And in the lower levels, the J.V. placed second in conference.

FRESHMAN A FRONT ROW: Garrett Pautsch, Alpert Ruffin. SECOND ROW: Bryan Palina, Jimmy Pelletier, Scott Dibasillio, Curt Heller, James Varsamis, Stanford Kim. BACK ROW: Mike Deguia, James Cho, Coach Troy Bennett, Joe Zeman, and Justin Langwell.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Perry Chou. SECOND ROW: Alex Brashear, Steve Neumayer, Kacper Stojowski, Joe Musyzinski. THIRD ROW: Ed Stankiewicz, Joe Kannookadan, Andres Alvear, Marco Ratic, Coach Jennifer Sinnick. BACK ROW: Tim Harris, Mike LeJeune, and Jeff Kochikaran.

JUNIOR VARSITY FRONT ROW: Richard Chang, Andy Lee, Young-Cho Kim, Kenny Nakai. SECOND ROW: Yusik Kim, Joel Manansala, Jason Choe, James Kannookadan, Bradley Alper, Anand Soni. BACK ROW: Coach Ami Lefevre, Gerald Guttierez, Peter Haralambopoulos, Xiang Zheng, and Michael Choe.

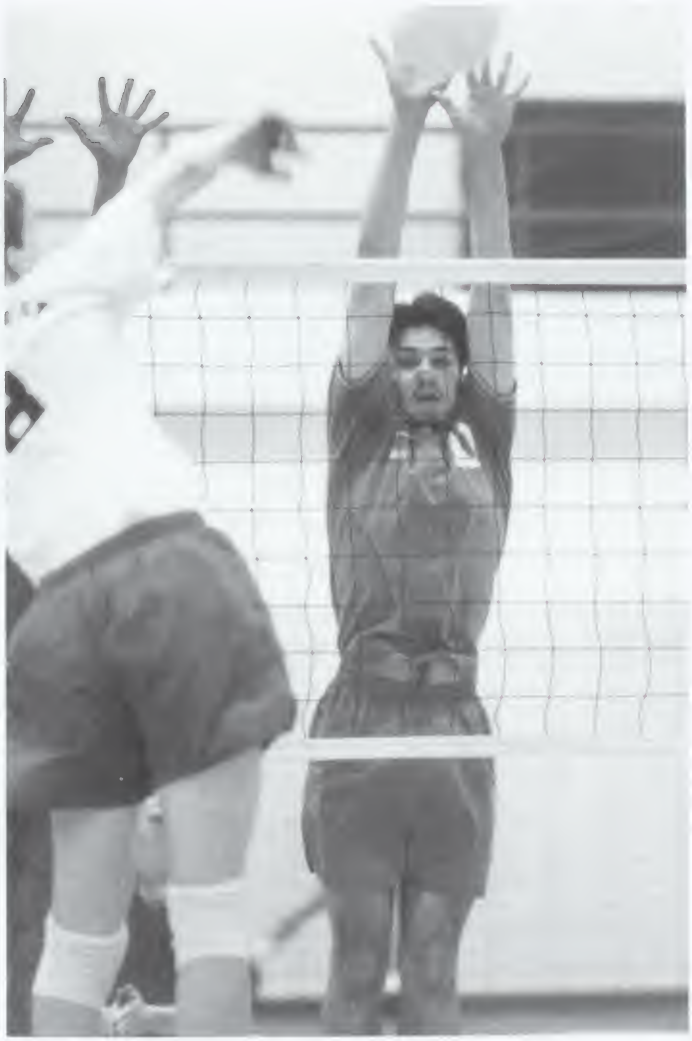
After the singing of the National Anthem and the announcement of their names, the varsity team returns to their bench. The team played a tough schedule last year which involved ranked teams and individual players.

With proper form and arm swing, senior Pete Haralambopoulos takes a swing at the ball while junior Richard Chang covers his back. The J.V. team played a winning season including a first place win at a tournament.

After a powerful kill by senior Andy Lee, the junior varsity team gathers on center court to celebrate. Niles West defeated Maine East here at home in three games.

FRESHMAN B FRONT ROW: Jin Kim, Jay Andres. SECOND ROW: Vikas Kurian, Steve Drebos, Joe Zale, Galen de las Alas, Phillip Suh, Eric Delacruz. BACK ROW: Coach Gary Davis, Jovan Vojcic, Tylor Robinson, Steve Jung, and Mike Hoffman.

Boys Volleyball



Senior Marco Ratic of the varsity team jumps and blocks a hard driven spike by a Lake Forest hitter. Niles West played against Lake Forest at home early in the season.

SPROUTING SEEDS

"Volleyball is one of the most exciting sports to play and watch," said junior Richard Chang. Niles West Boys Volleyball is coached by a great staff of Jennifer Sinnick, Ami LeFevre, Gary Davis, and Troy Bennett. Through the years, this sport had become more and more popular among the student body. In the spring of 1994 more than fifty-six athletes tried out for varsity and junior varsity, hoping to fit in the open spots. This fall, more are expected to come.

Junior Andres Alvear jumps and spikes the ball against a Lake Forest blocker. Alvear has played for the varsity team since his sophomore year and played junior varsity his freshman year.

"Niles West is full of great talent in volleyball, especially this year," said junior volleyball player Yusik Kim. Junior Andres Alvear is a good example. Alvear played varsity volleyball during his freshman year and helped the team in victories, then played J.V. the rest of that season. Another example in senior Marco Ratic, who started playing varsity level his sophomore year.

In the spring of 1995, the varsity team had a tough time. Being a young team with only five out of twelve players being seniors was part of the problem. However, in 1996, seven out of the twelve varsity players will return and four are returning starters. This means more talent for the spring of 1996.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY FRONT ROW: Katie Berg, Marina Gitlin, Patima Pataramekin, Kelli Geschwind, Tracy Peterson. SECOND ROW: Amy Ginsburg, Jamie Hayden, Lisa Milosavljevic, Alice Lee, Junhee Choe, Michelle DelPnio, Sarah Koo, Andrea Mueller, Marina Schoffer, Corrie Baldauf. THIRD ROW: Laura Friedlander, Becki Swain, Kelly Szlak, Liz Suh, Kelly McBreen, Crystal Lee, Lana Gilman, Caroline Ishida, Judy Sloan. FOURTH ROW: Julia Tkachuk, Brittany Thorsen, Rebecca Robertson, Marnie Goodfriend, Kara Kezios, Christie Policht, Bindu Varghese, Dina Georgas. BACK ROW: Susan Parapetti, Susan Solorzano, Amanda Kinney, Olga Plotkina, Mika Keegstra, Britt Wilms, Renuka Purimetla.

Members of the cross country team line up in preparation for the start of the race. The girls had 14 regular season dual meets before conference.

Junior Tracy Peterson dashes to the finish line. Since only five members of the team are graduating, most of the team will be back.

In between all the hard work, the girls still find time to have fun and take pictures. The team often went out to eat together after meets.

Girls Cross Country

Bringing it home

Winning is a bit of a foreign concept for most of our sports teams, but the Girls' Cross Country team wouldn't know anything about that. On October 14, the team, led by captains Liz Suh and Crystal Lee, became conference champions. "They went in wanting to win and believing they could win," said coach Judy Sloan when explaining what helped the girls bring home the number one title.

After grueling practices throughout most of the summer and the beginning of the school year, one might think that the end of the fall season meant rest and relaxation. Wrong! The team continued to practice throughout the year to keep in top form.

With all that practice and many returning faces, the girls look poised to bring top honors home again.

Varsity team members Lisa Milosaveljic, Christy Policht, Jamie Hayden, Tracy Peterson, Liz Suh, Amy Ginsburg, and Crystal Lee pose in front of the school sign. When we have a winner, we advertise!

There is no "I" in "T-E-A-M". One thing that helped the girls in their championship quest was a sense of teamwork and friendship.

Junior Susan Parapetti pushes to finish the race. Many athletes compete despite pain and minor injuries.

No, Sophomore Erin Pollyea did not just spy a hairball in the pool. Pollyea, a varsity team member, demonstrates her record-breaking breast stroke.

Junior Gina Zimmer comes up for air during a race. Zimmer, along with Sinee Kopsombut, Kara Isaac, and Rachel Bradley, will be captain of the team next year.

Captain Jenny Slabas practices her start before the meet begins. Senior Slabas finished her fourth year as part of a record-breaking relay team.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Rachel Bradley, Felicia Vollmann, Anna Jamesen, Ann Bieneman, Jessica Perez. SECOND ROW: Kara Isaac, Katie Gockenbach, Joyce VanAlstin, Hope Kracht, Lou Torres, Heidi Eichler, Maria Chrisos. THIRD ROW: Jenny Landis, Erin Pollyea, Gina Ferentz, Lisa Torres, Jenny Bonner. BACK ROW: Rosie Chawl, Gina Zimmer, Jenny Slabas, Laura Schutt, Sarah Chaikin.

JUNIOR VARSITY FRONT ROW: Nancy Yasey, Irene Vargos, Lisa Vora, Sherri T, Jackie Moy, Kerri Lin, Joanna Klincewicz, Fumika Takasaki, Jeanette Weidner. SECOND ROW: Pin Lin, NaYoung Shim, CJ Castillo, Lindsey Lehman, Shantea Casey, Susan Kisman, Sara Hansen, Kayla Moskovich, Shayna Harris, Francis Lim, Ji Young Choi. THIRD ROW: Melanie Manego, Margarita Alver, Katie Hedrick, Gina Ferentz, Joyce VanAlstin, Hope Kracht, Louis Torres, Jenny Slabas, Jenny Bonner, Cathy Fedyukovich, Ka Young Shim, Eva Lappis, Kelly McCoy, Terri Lappis. FOURTH ROW: Stacey Paul, Judy Leavitt, Sara Hundahl, Clarissa Placko, Natalie Semaszczuk, Linda Lee, Lauren Schreibstein, Becky Perino, Shannon O'Neil, Emily Babicz, LeAnne Vollmann. BACK ROW: Sora Jung, Neda Kusolvisitkul, Gabriela Vargas, Liz Comrov, Kelly Kinslow, Jenny Brown, Liz McLennan, Amy Kao, Laura Schroeder, Tiffany Buckner, Heather Bonner, Jessica Jamruszka, Sinee Kopsombut, Helen Hwang.

Girls Swimming

ten little indian swimmers!!!!

by Pin Lin and Heidi Eichler

One little, two little, three little Indians-four little, five little, six little Indians- seven little, eight little, nine little Indians-ten little Indian SWIMMERS! Standing in front of the music wing door, no buses could be seen, but the sound of loud cheers and joyful laughter echoed through the night. A bus filled with excited swimmers was headed over the Oakton bridge from Niles North where the team had just had their first away victory. For a sport that focuses on the individual, Girls Swimming showed tremendous team spirit. From pasta parties to early morning practices to wild team cheers, members of the team really cared for one another. Under the supervision of coaches Hope Kracht, Joyce VanAlstin, and Lou Torres, the team became a family and had one of the best seasons ever. Nine long-standing records were smashed and many personal bests were broken. The team members united to encourage each other, both in and out of the pool, and experienced a tremendous season.

"Go in as champions- come out as Legends." - captain Gina Ferentz

Junior varsity swimmer CJ Castillo takes a quick gulp of air. Many people join the swim team, which has no cuts, not even knowing how to swim and they soon become excellent at swimming.

It's a dead body!! Ahhhhhhh! Actually it's a swimmer gliding through the water. By learning how to move quickly and smoothly, swimmers can cut down on the effort needed and increase their speed.

VARSITY Front Row: Julia Medvin, Nicole Corrigan. 2nd Row: Simone Kung, Carol Bellina, Sandy Park, Jane Lee, Chai Park, Carol Kim. Back Row: Allison Stegich, Dimitra Dallas, Coach Grant, Amanda McCormick, Cathy Sung.

JUNIOR VARSITY Front Row: Hera Cha, Chaihyo Park, Mina Suh, Helen Lee, Janet Choi, Carolyn Nakai, Nicole Dammon. 2nd Row: Deborah Kim, Kathy Shoykhet, Dara Sacher, Jane Lang, Mary Noonan, Eileen Lee, Sung Choe, Nancy Choi. Back Row: Leslie Nono, Michelle Barsky, Anna Lee, Dima Moussa, Coach Menelo, Agnes Tessar, Mariana Shrartser, Jan Miyamoto, Jenny Lee.

Senior Allison Stegich runs back to return the serve. Besides being an intricate member of the tennis team, she also has participated in Orchesis her junior and senior years.

Senior Amanda McCormick lifts herself a few inches off the ground in attempt to reach the ball. McCormick is a very active student as Student Senate President and performs as a Ronnette in the winter musical Little Shop of Horrors with our own editor-in-chief Pin Lin (cheap plug).

Girls Tennis

Junior Julia Medvin, with the sun shining into her eyes, is trying her hardest to see the ball. Tired and hot, she's attempting to finish the match and prevail.

Serve it up

Tennis is a sport in which one may participate years after high school and college. This is a sport that many may play in order to stay healthy and fit while maintaining optimum hand-eye coordination. Keeping a sharp eye on the ball in order to give a good return is only one of the many skills needed to play. This years tennis teams were under tremendous pressure to continue their success. Although the outcome of their season was not as successful as last year, the team's hopes were never diminished.

Junior Simone Kung giving 110% even at practice. With her skill and determination it's no wonder she was sent to state competition.

Short skirts weren't all that went flying. Many of the team members scored their all-time personal best scores. In addition, Simone Kung, one of the best tennis players in our school, qualified for the state finals again and made our school name well known for her excellent performance in the competition.

Sitting: Ticha Maleegrai; kneeling: Susan Koo, Doriane Williams, Niki Mollet, Alinda Muzynski; standing: Athena Toliopoulos, Kim Richards, Susie Olson, Lisa Neville, Coach Jennifer Sinnick; top row: Jennifer Weilgus, Rosemarie Romano, Katy Gartner, Liana Soergel

The girls' Varsity volleyball team's motto, "Never say die defense", was frequently inscribed on their body in hopes that the motto will find its way to their hearts.

Junior Ticha Maleegrai nails the ball past her opponents as teammates Lisa Neville and Jenny Weilgus look on. The girls supported each other on and off the court.

Sophomore Alinda Muzynski, Sophomore, back sets the ball for the weak side hitter. The setter is the "quarterback" for the volleyball

Junior Kim Richards tips the ball over a double block put up by New Trier. Richards ended the season as an All-conference player.

Sitting: Bonnie Hernandez, Jaimie Kozlowski, Lisa Kim; kneeling: Lisa Boldt, Bridget Walsh, Lena Lulias, Dominika Wawryzwiak, Valerie Snyder, Cathy Shin, Jessica Matik; standing: Kate Weilgus, Jenny Patyk, Coach Tomm, Colleen McKenna, Jenn Reifenberg

Sitting: Jorina Fontelera, Joanna Sinagra, Jenny Lee; kneeling: Anna Siangra, Joanne Zimmer, Vesna Kljajic, Tiffany Borre, Jillian Matrek, Claudia Lopez; standing: Tina Ristev, Kathleen Corrigan, Coach Bennett, Nicole Alvear, Angela Park

Sitting: Joann Kochikaren, Caroline McDonald, Gabriela Fonzetti, Miryana Vujoshevich, Theresa Ha; kneeling: Janice Lopez, Nicole Curry, Andrea Allen, Randy Kagen; standing: Katrina deOcampo, Maggie Majerczyk, Janice An

Girls Volleyball

Senior Jenny Weilgus goes up to attempt a kill, while teammates, sophomore Alinda Muzynski and juniors Susie Olson and Ticha Maleegrai covers her. Weilgus was also voted Most Valuable Player for the 1995 volleyball season.

Senior Susan Koo concentrates on making a good pass. Passing is the most important factor for any volleyball offense.

A RECAP OF THE REGIONAL CHAMPS!

The 1995 girls' varsity volleyball team had a tremendous year, filled with ups and downs. The season started a bit surprisingly when the girls placed fourth in the New Trier tournament out of 16 teams, beating New Trier for the first time in ten years. After a short period of losing streaks, West came back to beat Evanston for a chance at first place in conference. With a defeat from Glenbrook South and then Waukegan, the chances for first or second place seemed dim to none for the Indians.

"The key to our winning season was our teamwork and our 'Never Say Die defense'. We never let up when we were winning and never gave up when we were losing," said Senior Co-captain Rosemarie Romano.

A fourth place finish in conference was disappointing, but the "never say die defense team" refused to give up. Concentrating on the regional games, the Indians proved triumphant by beating Maine West in the first round. At the final championship match the team faced Mount Prospect. With Mount Prospect winning the first game 15-3, Coach Sinnick's voice rang through all the players' ears, "Why is it that Niles West refuses to let themselves win a regional championship? We can beat this team, but it is up to you guys to decide whether you want to play our game or not!" Stepping back on the courts with big hearts and determination, the lady Indians proved for the first time in years that Niles West can win a regional game. Winning the second and third games 15-9 and 15-10, respectively, was an overwhelming feeling. The girls' volleyball team set a foundation by winning Regionals that will hopefully inspire future Indian volleyball players. What a great ending to a rocky season!

FRONT ROW: Scott DelValle, Jim Spivey, Peter Park, Mike Borta
SECOND ROW: Joey Wimmer, Rick Flosi, Farrett Johnson, Farrett Pautsch, Breandan Holmes, Reid Mammoser, Arif Sheikh, Carl Lewis
THIRD ROW: Ron Campbell, Eddie Chin, Prashant Parsram, Jordan Levine, Tim Nelson, Andy Podosenov, Aldwin Gordula, Patrick Savage
FOURTH ROW: Al Salvacion, Josh Putt, Brian Varghese, Andrew Lato, Mike Hedstrom, Jeff Kochikaran, Joel Horwitz, Jeff Olson BACK ROW: Paul Nikodem, James Ahn, Sean King, Amir Jacob, Alex Garcia, Justin Loeffler, Danny Hong

Senior Andrew Podosenov is stylin' as he concentrates on his final destination, the finish line. Not only are strong legs needed to succeed in cross country, but a strong stomach is the key to excellent endurance.

Senior Jordan Levine races to the shoot after coming around Phipps Loop. Runners gather up all their energy to sprint these final yards after an exhausting three mile race.

Boys Cross Country

Leading the way is our boys cross country team through the smog infested air. You can be sure that if the smoke released by the factory is harmful, these guys will be the first to get any effects. So why isn't the school taking any drastic measures to stop the factory?

Sophomore Edwin Ayala is relaxing as he is being stretched out before a meet. Not only is flexibility essential to proper fitness, but it helps prevent serious injuries as well.

It requires the most mental patience. It's also one of the most strenuous sports that requires a lot of physical training. Some may say that all cross country is, is running and there's no skill involved. But that is a false impression, to say the least.

There is more strategy to running than meets the eye. Cross country runners spend a few hours after school toning and lifting weights, and then they polish that off with a brisk five or so mile jog. During their whole season they are training for physical as well as mental endurance. They learn to keep focused as they're running the three mile race. Because of this extreme dedication, the boys cross country team has met much success this season.

"We had a really trying season which ended in success for us as a team," said senior Alex Garcia

FRESHMAN FRONT ROW: Mike Schaab, Rick Hermes, Tony Jones, Jarriet Spiegl, Sean Borre, John Neeson, Jimmy Shin, Jeff Tucker. SECOND ROW: Tom King, Tom Garwin, Joe Ravenna, Ed Postowski, Joe Berg, Eric Duplesis, Varun Goyle, Ken Tautkas, Andy Zallen, Andy Mogena. THIRD ROW: Edwin Vdovets, Brian Worth, Coach Hullihan, Coach Fogel, Coach Ramseyer, Coach Gustafson, Brian Beverage, Nathan Bradley, Jim Lochner. FOURTH ROW: John Pavlovac, Nick Ellinger, Pete Geekioous, Sean Sherman, Brian Hart, Nick Endres, Max Tucker, Richard Kim, John Tohopolus. BACK ROW: Brandon Nelson, Eliot Costionis, Danny Kim, Nick Verveniotis, Sam Sammartino, Matt Brown, Pepe Calovic, Justin Lerry, Patt Brown, Tommy Choi.

SOPHOMORE FRONT ROW: Brian Gitlan, Hoor Bahnpuri, James Laboy, Kriag Foyteck, Adam Kriticos, Kosta Benetatos. SECOND ROW: Mike Muller, Jean Metellus, Andy Hamada, Dave Persky, Zach Holleran, James Tillis, Scott Dibasilio, Eric DeLaCruz. THIRD ROW: James Yoon, Bill Larimore, Dan Kim, Coach Gary Solomon, Coach Tom Meyer, Coach Dan Rusk, Toni Ricotta, Martin Kramarz, Sean Henric. BACK ROW: Johnny Leblanc, Ryan Goldflies, Blake Eastman, Alex Bajgiowicz, Andy Bian, Josue Jamie, Maher Fakhoury, Tim Wisnar.

Junior halfback Mike Cimmarusti helps fellow halfback Bobby Mendoza stretch out a cramp. Cimmarusti was one of several players to end his season early due to injury.

Junior and two year starter Nick Cimmarusti explains to teammates a previous play. Cimmarusti also lead the team in tackles.

Junior Andre King avoids a tackler in the Homecoming game. King made a lot of big plays of the offense and was considered a threat.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Sam Tzakis, Jose Blanco, B.J. Youngstead, Jamie Guzman, Matt Mendoza, Mike Shimanski, Dodie Bentatos, Gustavo Veliz, Erik Oh. SECOND ROW: Bobby Mendoza, Homer Sepergahn, Jason Abbey, Brad Alper, Mike Cimmarusti, John Lee, Andre King, Shawn McAuley, Nick Cimmarusti. THIRD ROW: Rasdul Din, Coach Pete Kitsevich, Coach Jim Hossfield, Coach Al Moltz, Head Coach Bill Richardson, Coach Bob Deleonardis, Coach Phil Steffeck, Coach Joey Adams, "Doc" Katzman, Dan Depaolis. FOURTH ROW: Shawn Nelson, Neil Karshna, Marko Golumbovski, Adam Asbach, Will Song, Gerald Guterrez, George Rhee, Jason Varanis. BACK ROW: John Kessel, Tom Kasalo, Erik Hildebrant, Erik Calsen, Bob Wescott, Pete Boudouvas, Eric Tucker, Eric Eastman, Nick Mitria.

Football

Sophomore Eric DeLaCruz walks off the field after a successful series. Although DeLaCruz lacks some size, he started on the sophomore team.

more than just statistics

Finishing 3-6 sounds like the varsity football team didn't accomplish much. However, starting defensive back Gerald Gutierrez had something different to say, "Our first two wins showed what type of team we were capable of being. As the season progressed the schedule got tougher and we lost key individuals to injury and other reasons. The questions of how well we would've done without injury always enters my mind."

"We started off the season on the right foot. As the season progressed we lost players that wouldv'e helped us. We just couldn't finish strong.'' Senior captain George Rhee

As Gutierrez said, the team lost a total of seven starters that missed at least one game through out the season.

Starting the season off on the right foot, the team won their first two games, both at home. The team finished with a record of 3-4 at home.

If you were to ask a player the greatest accomplishment of this season, you'll probably get a response like, "Beating Niles North!" This was a great accomplishment because Head Coach Bill Richardson is 19-0 versus Niles North. A win made it 20-0 and helped the players build confidence in themselves.

Another, big accomplishment was winning Homecoming and paying back Maine East. After a 42-0 loss to Maine East last year, many of these players wanted revenge. The best place to get revenge was at home for Homecoming. The team won the close game 7-6.

Front Row: Chris Hester, Derek Edwardson, Brian Edwardson, Brian Alexander, Andrew Strauch, TJ Andre, Ken Kruger. Second Row: Yuri Kim, Courtney Krell, Tim Moy, Chris Anderson, Andrew Park, Kim Bacher. Back Row: Scott Krell, Brian Kane, Rich Hoffman, Mike Schmidt, Tim Malooly, Joey Sojka, George Galla.

We're golfers, not caddies!!! Seniors Brian Kane and Rich Hoffman head off to the next hole. Unfortunately, our golfers don't have the luxury of caddies and carts.

No, junior Joey Strybel is not trying to kill one of our school's pesky mice, he's preparing to hit the ball! Unlike most golfers, our team doesn't believe that tacky clothes improve golf scores.

I give *Seven* one thumb up. Golfer Chris Anderson checks the wind before taking his swing.

Senior Tim Malooly swings with perfect form. The golf team holds practices at the Wilmette Golf Course.

Golf

When the photographer said turn the other cheek, this wasn't what she meant! Andrew Strauch and Mike Schmidt pause to observe the happenings at the course.

In the Swing of Things

by Sue Semaszczuk

Golf might not be thought of as a difficult or fun sport, but that is only what those who have never played think. As one of the team members said, "I think that golf is one of the hardest sports. If you disagree, it's because you don't know the sport." This is probably true.

Senior Brian Kane shields his eyes from the sun while following the path of his ball. Kane is also an active member of the band.

Many people play golf, and yet many people don't know much about golf. Why is that? Maybe it's because some think the game is boring, or maybe it's because some just don't want to know.

To those who play, however, it's a great game. It's a game of skill and concentration. That could be one reason why some people don't like golf; they don't have what is needed for the game. Let's be honest. Do you think that you could be as good at golf as the team is?

At times, we forget how challenging and interesting golf can be. Try it, it can be just as fun, and difficult, as any other sport.

Front row: Marcos Fledman, Grant Hsing, Rushi Patel, Craig Hawley. Second Row: Seth Grossman, Esteban Gadea, Cicprian Cuc, Mike Wills, Ari Piriillis, Ricardo Acosta, Bryan Shmidt. Third row: Coach Stern, Steve Drebos, Augie Schuller, Nishant Pillai, Marcus Kawakami, Jeff Paulsen. Back row: Min Kim, Alex Varshavskiy, Jovan Vojcic, Nathan Dugu, Curt Heller.

Back Row: Mike Lisle, Bill Bakas, Scott Sabin, Coach Barnett, Gabe Horwitz, Danny Ha, Juan Alzate. Second row: Chris Moghina, Tim Shriver, Renjan Karottu, Matt Jeans, Chong Yoa, Bobby Tzotzolis. Front Row: Raphael Kiam, Sam Alexander, Chris Dorado, Alan Lewis, Bently Phillips.

First Row: Gabe Adler, Jimmy Peiletier, Seong Bong Ha, Isaac Feder. Second row: Peter Vergos, John Vodopic, Angelo Pavilpos, Igor Mamut, Danny Hwang, Maran, Rambod Saeedi-Fard. Third row: Coach Watson, Jason Godlust, Johnny Irantos, Stefan Lorinez, Andy, Coach Marquell. Back row: Dan Barto, Danny Marle, Andres Alevar, Max Popvskiy, Xiang Zheng.

Augie Schuller, member of the sophomore team, slide tackles the ball and prevents his opponent from scoring. Some other sports can get along without defense but in soccer, the game is lost without defense.

Here Jeff Paulsen, the goalie for the sophomore team, gets ready to warm up before the game starts. The uniforms of the goalies are usually a little more interesting than the rest of the team.

First row: Aron Marshall, Mickey Arabe, Dustin Schneider, Cameron Inglebsy. Second row: Tom Wattenbarger, Flavio Kiam, Bruno —-, Arthur Goldshteyn, Sean Lav, Mike Dell, Steve Hedeer. Third row: Kenin ——, Ilya Portnoy, Shajan Karottu, Tom Viranas, Coach Whitman. Back row: Stash John, Nick Bappert, Greg Adas, John Zahos, Pierre Luis.

Boys Soccer

Sophomore Seth Grossman heads a ball to send it in the offensive direction. The head is one of the body parts one can use besides hands in the game of soccer.

GOAALLL!!!!

European football. Soccer is famous sport all around the world including our high school. This year was full of surprises and new faces." I enjoyed being on the team this year and was glad to help out" says rookie Steve Drebos, a member of the sophomore team. Our soccer team this year had a lot of potential and effort. More games could have been won except we got the short straw of luck. Yet, even though the season wasn't as great as expected, the players still had fun and made friendships not to forget. (Which is probably the whole point of school sports). Furthermore, the year will always remain in the memories of seniors of the team, for example, Gabe Adler and Seong Beong Ha. Seong thanked everyone for a great four years at the soccer banquet. Hopefully, the soccer team will take great pride in their accomplishments in the years to come.

"This year was fun, even though we had a horrible year. I am looking forward to next year's team, I think it will be a lot better team."

Kneeling: Amy Ginsbury, Jamie Hayden, Susie Olson, Jenn Reifenberg, Christi Policht, Heather Moorehouse.
Standing: Coach Tuecke, Ticha Maleegrai, Lisa Neville, Dominika Wawrzyniak, Susie Weiss, Andrea Catiis, Colleen McKenna.
Not Pictured: Renuka Purimetla

Jamie Hayden fiercely puts up a lay-up as a Lady Viking tries to defend her. Hayden was one of the three sophomores to compete on the varsity level.

Senior, co-captain, Lisa Neville does the passing drills during the 20 minute warm-ups. Neville is also a member of the varsity volleyball and varsity softball team.

Amy Ginsburg drives the ball to the hoop as Susie Olson sets a pick for her. These two Juniors are second year varsity members.

Sitting: Jaimie Kozlowski, Lisa Boldt
Kneeling: Kelly Szlak, Kate Wielgus, Courtney Kreil, Alinda Muszynski, Lena Lulius, Kim Bachner.
Standing: Colleen McKenna, Jenny Brown, Coach Klebba, Lindsey Barlow, Gina Villamil.

Kneeling: Claudia Lopez, Jillian Matik, Margarita Alvear, Vesna Kljajic, Maggie Graham, Jenny Cho.
Standing: Joann Kochikaran, Athena Toliopoulos, Coach Gustafson, Andrea Allen, Gabbie Fonzetti

sitting: Laura Buela
kneeling: Sharyn Gordula, Janice Lopez, Martha Mererdon, Nicole Curry, Jackie May, Jorina Fontelera.
standing: PaScale Metellus, Ivana Buljubasic, Coach Houllahan, Kathleen Corrigan, Latoya King

Girls Basketball

Senior Andrea Catiis (52) and Dominika Wawrzyniak attempt to grab the rebound from a Niles NOrth player. Wawrzyniak and Catiis are a big part to West's inside game.

The girls varsity players cheer on their teammates as baskets are score. The Lady Indians are a very enthusiastic bunch.

SWISH

Run, pass, catch, jump, shoot, score, win! Basketball. Everybody knows the game of basketball and see how teams compete for the feeling of supremacy on the courts. But what is the meaning of a true basketball player.

"A person who is hardworking, dedicated and is not only confident in themselves but their teammate as well."

- Lisa Neville-

"A person who just loves the games."

- Amy Ginsburg-

"Someone who plays hard regardless what the crowd size is or how many rude comments are made."

- Susie Olson-

"A person who is modest when they win and accepts it when they lose."

- Andrea Catiis-

"I believe in tough D. Defense wins game. I try to encourage every player to reach her maximum potential on and off the court."
-Coach Becky Tuecke-

"A person who never gives up no matter what the circumstances are."

- Jamie Hayden-

"A player who always put 110% on the court."

- Jenn Reifenberg-

The Varsity Girls Basketball team are filled with "true basketball players." Everyday these girls give all they have in practices and in games. They are a very young team consisting of three seniors, six juniors and three sophomores. Even though they ended their '95-'96 season fourth in conference, 10 wins and 14 losses overall, they were able to enrich their young talents. Expect improvement from these skilled girls in the future.

Senior Susan Yoo demonstrates a beautiful handstand on the balance beam. Yoo has been on the gymnastics team since her freshmen year.

After taking third at the Freshmen Invite, members of the freshmen team smile for the camera. Pictured from left to right: Claudia Mitria, Lori Sison, Maria Dallas, Stephanie Snyder, Shannon O'Neill, and Jessica Perez.

Senior Captain Andrea Goynsher displays perfect form in her floor routine. The floor exercise is one of Goynsher's strongest events.

Practicing her ending pose, senior Lilian Au balances perfectly while doing her beam routine. Gymnastics requires many hours of practice in order to learn the basis of any skill.

Members from the J.V. team as well as the varsity proudly pose to take a picture just before a home meet. Pictured left to right: Andrea Goynsher, Paula Tushbai, Vivian Au, Jenny Landis, Lisa Milosavljevic, Lilian Au, Amanda Erickson, Rachel Federman, Susan Yoo, Carrie Folise, Suan Persky, Renee Base.

Girls Gymnastics

A senior picture is taken during a home meet. All six girls have been involved in gymnastics all four years at West.

Senior co-captain Rachel Federman gets ready for the start of her floor exercise by hitting her first pose. The girls were lucky in getting new varsity uniforms this year.

A Perfect Score

by Jill Pasia

A perfect ten is what every gymnast strives for and with that score in mind, a Niles West gymnast always does her best in achieving her own personal "perfect score." Coach Foerch and two new additional coaches, Tommy Joseph and Holly Kahn led the girls to a very successful season. Seniors Rachel Federman and Andrea Goynsher were voted captains for the 95-96 team.

Senior Susan Persky anxiously awaits the start of her routine by smiling for the camera. Every event is scored from a scale of 1-10.

The varsity consisted of girls from all four grade levels which can help the gymnastics program with future seasons. "Since the team is still young, they have the potential to improve for upcoming seasons," said varsity member, Claudia Mitria. Goynsher, Milosavljevic, and Mitria were the teams top gymnasts who helped make the teams winning record. Mitria and Milosavljevic had a very promising season as they both qualified for sectionals. On the other hand, the freshmen as well as the varsity also had a group of hard working girls. The girls were extremely happy when they took third place at the Freshmen Invite held here. Although none of the girls may have never received a perfect ten, just reaching their own goals are perfect enough.

FRESHMEN FRONT ROW: Danny Huscher, Edwin Velovets, Mike Borja, Jeff Tucker, Jermaine DeJournette, Leonard Dimaccio, Alan Salvacion, Joel Pasia. SECOND ROW: Haseeb Ahmed, Jason Duda, Jesus Custodio, Craig Fullerton, Tom Choi, Dan Pecson, Keenan Namkung, Joey Espiritu. BACK ROW: Richard Kolze, Lukash, Sam Samartino, Derek Reich, Matt Brown, Nick Vervenoitis, Joe Meyer.

JUNIOR VARSITY FRONT ROW: Seong Lim, Cesar Mullingbayan. SECOND ROW: Brian Merkowitz, Danny Spitz, Alex DeVera, Tim Wisnar, Chris Rodriguez, Shuaib Ahmed. THIRD ROW: Mike Hoffman, Brian Heuer, Steve Kopke, Josue Jaime, Mike Deguia.

VARSITY FRONT ROW: Carlos Vasquez, George Nikolakakis, Jason Angelili, Dennis Samano, Joey Huscher, Seth Rosenberg. SECOND ROW: Zheng Xiang, Robert Altman, Chris Heuer, Peter Haralambopoulos, Nitin Rao. BACK ROW: Steve Brown, Brett McGovern, James Vinci, Marko Ratic, David Malina, Andres Alvear, Eric Tucker.

Spinning around the defender, Senior James Vinci goes up for a shot. Vinci was one of the leading scorers on the team.

During a Junior Varsity game, Junior Jason Angelilli looks to make a pass down low.

Junior Joey Huscher brings the ball up the court. Huscher, a two-year team member, was one of only two juniors who were also on the varsity team in their sophomore year.

Blowing by the defense, Senior Steve Brown drives to the basket. Brown was also a varsity co-captain.

Boys Basketball

Above: Junior Gust Johanson applies pressure. Johanson was one of the few juniors who got a chance to play.

Senior Pete Haralambopoulos gives his teammates high-fives as he runs between them. This is a ritual during the team's introduction at the beginning of the game.

Swoosh!

by Mike Cimmarusti

Over the summer, the varsity basketball team competed in a summer league. However, individually players from all levels participated in a number of camps. Proving to be helpful the freshman boys were a powerhouse in their conference.

On the upper levels there were many outstanding players. One of whom is senior co-captain Nitin Rao. Rao is one of few players to participate on the varsity level since he was a sophomore. Rao was one of the leading scorers on the team. Senior James Vinci dominated the boards for the varsity team. Vinci was also the leading scorer on the team with an average of 18 points per game. The team received a lot of help from the Junior class. Juniors Joe Huscher, Andres Alvear, and Gust Johanson were some of the players that received playing time on this senior dominated line up.

Huscher and Alvear have been on the varsity team since they were sophomores. Johanson surprised a lot of people. He proved to have power down low and to have a nose for the ball. Johanson also was one of the top free throw shooters on the team.

Senior Brett McGovern struggles to control the ball while fending off a member of the opposing team.

Junior Varsity
Back row: Steve Glickman, Nick Giafis, Bob Wenger, Scott Putell, Mark Purtell, Ryan Goldflies, Brian Merlo. Middle row: Brian Miller, Mark Przybylski, Ken Kelly, Pascal Souvenir, Giovanny Gatica, Martin Trzebunia, Allan Mostovoy. Front row: David Levin, Nick Rojas. Not pictured: Peppi LaBoy, Adam Shepard, Matt Simmons, Russel Talbott.

Niles Township Nighthawks
Varsity 1995-96 Hockey
Back row: Coach Steve Glickman, Richard Souvenir, Brian Carro, Sean Strama, Paul Tatkin, Blake Eastman, Coach Brian Merlo Middle row: Eric Seidman, Jason Abbey, Chad Slobodian, David Grossman, Adam Federman, Chris Nelson Bottom row: Yaron Walny, Paul Nueustadter, Tom Schmidt, Chris Nagy Not Pictured: Eric Eastman, Lisa Meyers

The Niles Nighthawks huddle around the goal for a pre-game pep talk given by the captains. Junior Jason Abbey shares the title with teammates, Brian Carro and Paul Tatkin from Niles North.

Senior Sean Strama hustles to get away from Highland Park defenders. Hockey players must be swift while skating in order to dominate their opponents.

Hockey

by Ticha Maleegrai

Junior co-captain Jason Abbey takes the face-off against his opponent. A face off involves fast thinking in order to win possession of the puck.

Sophomore Adam Federman admires a shot he took during warm-ups. Federman (11) is affectionately known to his fans as "Snake-eyes."

The Niles Nighthawks composed of Niles West and Niles North hockey players had a rocky season. These hardships were caused by a switch from the Metro Central division to the Metro North division, which is one of the hardest divisions in the state. Many young talents shined through this year, but the team chemistry did not appear until later in the season.

Five of the six top scorers were from Niles West. This included: Jason Abbey with 18 goals, 22 assists and two game winning goals; Eric Eastman with 14 goals, 14 assists; Adam Federman with 10 points, eight assists; Blake Eastman with six goals, nine assists and Sean Strama with nine goals, four assist. Aggressiveness is important for a good offense. That is why Eric Eastman leads the team with 87 penalty minutes, four 10 minute misconduct penalties and three game suspensions. Following him is his brother, Blake Eastman, with 104 minutes in the penalty box, a 10 minute misconduct penalty, and a one game suspension.

"Eric Eastman is an amazing powerhouse to watch on the ice," said North teammate Dave Grossman.

The combined team this year came up with a different look consisting of yellow, black, and white colors. These colors are vividly seen skating across the Skokie Skatium rink on their Saturday night games. Since the Nighthawks are not sponsored or acknowledged by district 219, they could use some extra support next year going against the toughest of teams.

Top Row: Mitch Stern, Tony Czupryna, Larry Kajmowicz, Coach Hemesath. Bottom Row: Gabe Adler, Brian Bode, Lou Torres.

Top Row: Denis Vishnevskiy, Jovan Vojcic, Danny Hong, Ryan Troop, Robert Rostig, Alex Varshavisky. Second Row: Chong Yoo, Jeff Poulson, Dan Casetta, Kevin Chan, Brian Gelfand, Mike Hedstrom, Brian Bode. Third Row: Derek Faulstick, Tony Czupryna, Mike Lisle, Mark Miszczyszyn, Larry Kajmowicz, Jason Macejak, Gary Ramirez. Fourth Row: Mitch Stern, Chris Schwarz, Mike Kotlarevsky, Coach Hemesath, Lou Torres. Fifth Row: Chris Fortman, Alex Vayser, Cameron Inlesby, Paul Torres, Kraig Foyteck, Ricardo Acosta, Grant Hsing, Gabe Adler, Marcos Feldman. Sixth Row: Reed Mammoser, Jamey Graves, John Lee, Mike Freeman, Chris Torres, Brian Graves, Peter Park.

Sophomore Ryan Troop dives into the water, getting warmed up for the swim meet. Swimmers must before warm up for their meets to avoid getting injured or getting a cramp while swimming.

Senior Brian Bode gets prepared to do a backwards dive. It takes a lot of practice in order to perfect this particular dive. Bode has been a good asset in the team's success.

Boys Swimming

Swimmers take their marks and dives at a race to get ahead. The swimmers take their time after school for practices. We wonder if they sweat in the water.

"Flying" Start

By: Jenny Cho

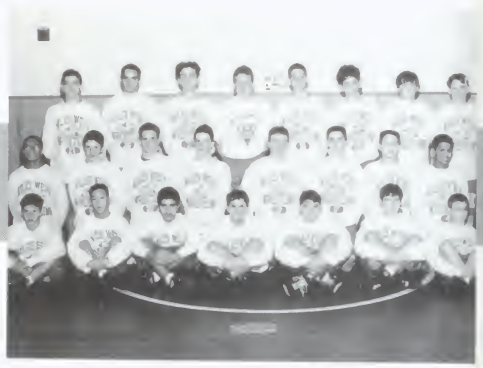
Hoping for success, the boy's swimming and diving team practices daily including on Saturday mornings, working on improving their strokes, dives, and speed. This team works together to do well at their swim meets against many different schools. Always practicing, this group of swimmers and divers are proving themselves to be dedicated, committed, and willing to work together as a team. All of the swimmers are having a lot of fun together as a team throughout the season as well as becoming more active school wise. Inspite of the cold weather, swimmers are still eager to jump into the cold pool. This enthusiastic team always tries their best and are very energetic and eager to strive for their goals. Although many people don't consider swimming as a sport, it takes tremendous endurance and strength as much as any other sport, and maybe even more. The quality of this team is amazing as they work hard to strive to perfection and victory.

Sophomore Paul Torres swims quickly trying to get a head start at the race. He was one of the few sophomores who made varsity during his freshman year.

VARSITY WRESTLING FRONT ROW: Brian Gitlin, Breandan Holmes. SECOND ROW: Brett J. Youngsteadt, Daniel Cho, Albert Goldstein, Anthony Ricotta, Kent Kozlowski, Hyung-Sup Kim. BACK ROW: Coach Howard Fogel, Nicholas Cimmarusti, Erik Hildebrandt, Justin Loffler, Daniel Kim.

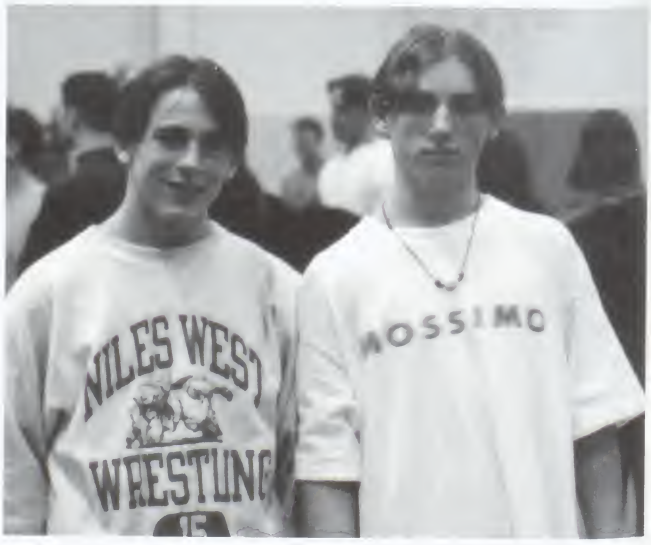
JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING FRONT ROW: Joseph Lama, Matthew Smith, Jordan Freeman, Daniel Flood. SECOND ROW: Gustavo Veliz, Timothy Moy, James Lee, Daniel Cho, Kosta Benetatos, Randy Plasencia. BACK ROW: Anthony Ricotta, Justin Loffler, Isho Zaia, Coach Steve Kasprzyk, John Kessel, Marin Kramarz, Sean Henrick.

FRESHMAN WRESTLING FRONT ROW: Michael Schaab, Charlie Kim, Rumson, Neeson, Telly Benetatos, Slava Medvin, George Adamidis, Mickey Arabelovic. SECOND ROW: Anthony Jones, Jarrett Spiegel, Joseph Berg, Baron Reznik, Joseph Ravenna, Andrew Zalon, Thomas Gawron, Saad Quadri. BACK ROW: Robert Sher, Nicholas Endres, Eliot Costianis, Coach Steve Hankrenson, Aaron Marshall, Dave Brodsky, Nathan Bradley, Chris Jordan.



Junior Justin Leoffler, is attempting a reversal against his opponent. When attempting a reversal a person must have total control over the other person in order to gain points.

Brian Giltin a sophomore, is doing a good job attempting to pin his opponent. It takes good patients and leverage while trying to pin someone.



Juniors Matthew Smith and Joseph Lama represent a small portion of the team. The wrestling team is not just a team, it is a family.

Wrestling

Nicholas Cimmarusti a junior, is performing a hold on his opponent called the chicken wing. The reason it's called this, is because where his arms are positioned on his opponent.

PIN-JA

By: Annie Jackson

Wrestling consists of very strenuous, tough, and hard practices. During practices wrestlers must have discipline and strength in order to survive. The team meets six days a week to experience an intense practice. The practice begins with the team jogging around the room to warm up. A practice consists of doing drills, practicing their starting stance, and some simple moves.

One way the team stays in shape while having fun, is by playing a card game. At least once a week, Coach Fogel takes a deck of cards out and draws several cards. For example, if the card is an Ace, the team would do fourteen push-ups. The Ace is worth fourteen, the King is worth 13, and so on. The team's goal is to finish the entire deck by the end of the season.

One way someone may test their strength during a practice, is by playing "king of the ring." Everyone lines up according to their weight class, and then forms a circle. Two people get in the middle and wrestle. Who ever loses goes back in the circle, and someone new goes in. This lasts until one person is left. The person is the winner and would be considered the "king of the ring."

The 13 weight classes range from 103 lbs. to 275 lbs. So no matter what weight you are, there is a place for you. When you wrestle, you only challenge someone else that is in your own weight class.

Kent Kozlowski a captain, says, "With an effective program built by Coach Fogel, I see the teams becoming very successful in the future."

VARSITY
FRONT ROW: Lisa Pocztowski, Lainie Manta, Lizzy Sajadi.
SECOND ROW: Jill Pasia, Kathy Litwin, Christina Ottlinger, Candace Gurewitz, Jaehee Huang.
BACK ROW: Aubree Horvath, Rachael Federman, Andrea Braovac, Melinda Balk, Julie Driscoll, Shana Quinn.

JUNIOR VARSITY
FRONT ROW: Valerie Nicklas, Danielle Isaacson, Jennifer Lee.
SECOND ROW: Paula Tushbai, Megan Litchner, Brittney Block, Gina Mun, Roxanne Cabading, Jamie Kane.
BACK ROW: Debbie Rosenfeld, Sandy Shertzing, Jenny Lee, Sheryll Lapenia, Lyla Padiernos, Beverly Aprieto.

FRESHMAN
FRONT ROW: Angela Alomia, Ji-Hyun Cho, Shana Smith.
SECOND ROW: Sherri Torrecer, Tiffany Kane, Tina Padiernos, Terri Hagio.
BACK ROW: Claudia Mitria, Lori Sison, Stephanie Snyder.

Senior Lizzy Sajadi puts great effort in her performance for the Homecoming game. Not only is she one of the captains, but she is also a captain for orchesis.

The varsity cheerleaders attempt an amazing pyramid while cheering for a basketball game. Stiffness, assurance, and skill may help to perform at their bests.

Senior Lisa Pocztowski and junior Andrea Broavac start a cheer to get the crowd pumped for the game. Cheerleaders make the games more entertaining and exciting.

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SECOND ROW: Christina Ottlinger, Jaehee Huang, Shana Quinn, Andrea Broavac, Fay Sair, Aubree Horvath.
BACK ROW: Kathy Litwin, Candace Gurewitz, Jill Pasia.

JUNIOR VARSITY
FRONT ROW: Valerie Nicklas, Jennifer Lee, Danielle Isaacson.
SECOND ROW: Sheryll Lapenia, Jenny Lee.
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BACK ROW: Sherri Torrecer, Terri Hagio, Janice An.

Cheerleading

Varsity, junior varsity, and freshman sing, cheer, and walk down the streets during the homecoming parade. The homecoming parade is one of the many events cheerleaders participate in.

Lainie Manta smiles at the crowd as the basketball team scores. Cheerleaders are to keep the crowd hyped while the game is going on.

After completing a difficult maneuver, the sophomore cheerleaders end their cheer and their dance with one more move. The dance that they are performing is the dance that they won first place at camp.

Cheering for Perfection

By: Beverly Apvieto

N-H-S Go West! This is one of the familiar chants you'd hear from a Niles West Cheerleader. Motivating words and skillful moves are what students may hear or see during a basketball or football game. The varsity, junior varsity, and the freshman teams had a successful year. It had all started during camp. The varsity had won second place on their dance and third place on their cheer. The junior varsity won first place on their dance and third place on their cheer. Lastly, the freshman won third place on their cheer.

There are approximately 36 girls who make the squad. Tryouts are held during the end of the year for the varsity and junior varsity and in the summer for the incoming freshmen. During this time, many stunts and chants are learned for the year. For instance, one was the popular varsity move, the basket toss. "It was my first year doing the basket toss, and I was nervous and I didn't know what to do. So I just prayed that they would catch me," said junior Jill Pasia. It was the first time the varsity was able to do a basket toss since it was banned last year because of too many injuries to the girls. But learning it was very exciting and maybe even dangerous.

Cheerleading is not only fun, but helps you make friends that will last forever. G-O LET'S GO WEST G-O LET'S GO!!!!!!!!!

Sophomore cheerleaders Sheryll Lapenia and Beverly Aprieto smile and hug while taking a picture at the end of a basketball game. Cheerleading is not only about dedication and hard work, but is also a time where you can find friends who will last for a lifetime.

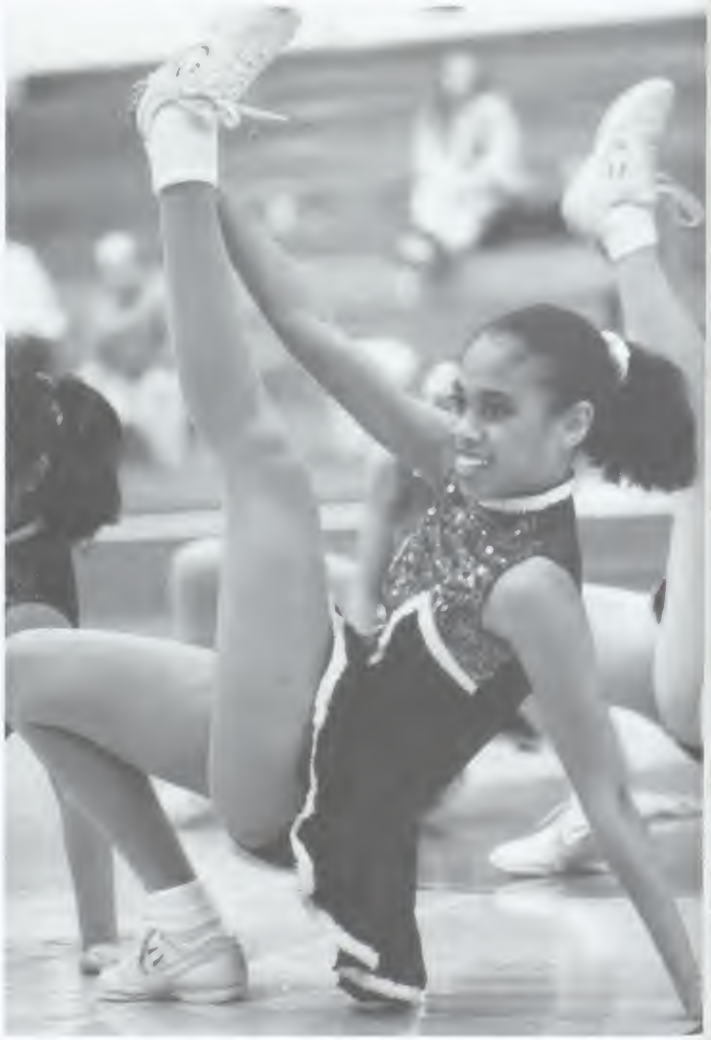
"Cheerleading had many of its ups and downs but I still enjoyed it. It gave me more to look forward to in high school just as if I didn't take part in cheerleading at all."
Lainie Manta

"Being part of cheerleading for four years was very tough. I know that I'll miss it but it has to end sometime."
Lizzy Sajadi

"Wow, I didn't realize that it was going to end this fast. I have enjoyed my years on the squad, and I have enjoyed being captain. These are the types of memories that I will never forget."
Lisa Pocztowski

POM PON FRONT ROW: Chrissy Maghopoy, Nikki Pasia, Tania Sosa. SECOND ROW: Christine Lim, Lucy Parreno, Esther Kim, Tracy Hoffman, Katie Winer, CHristine Tabamo, Nancy Sotelo, Inna Kagan, Therese Guevara. THIRD ROW: Alana Stegich, Laura Woods, Elena Boodris, Laurie Nadick, Dana Cash, Sandy Pool, Linda Szczepanski, Evelyn Rice, Ana Marchiasotta.

With skirts twirling and poms flying, the girls execute another exhilarating dance during half time. Each half time dance during basketball season is choreographed by different sets of pommers.



Junior Sandy Pool, busts a move during the Homecoming game. The Homecoming game is one of the most important games during the pom season.

Wearing a confident smile on her face, Junior Evelyn Rice hits a difficult move. No matter how hard the move, the pommers show it with the greatest of ease.

Pom Pon

Junior Linda Szczepanski and sophomore Dana Cash smile brightly as they perform. The pommers are known for their great facial expressions that liven up the dance.

Getting ready to show their stuff, the pommers wait for their music to come on. Halftime music is usually chosen and cut by the girls themselves.

The Magic's in the Moves

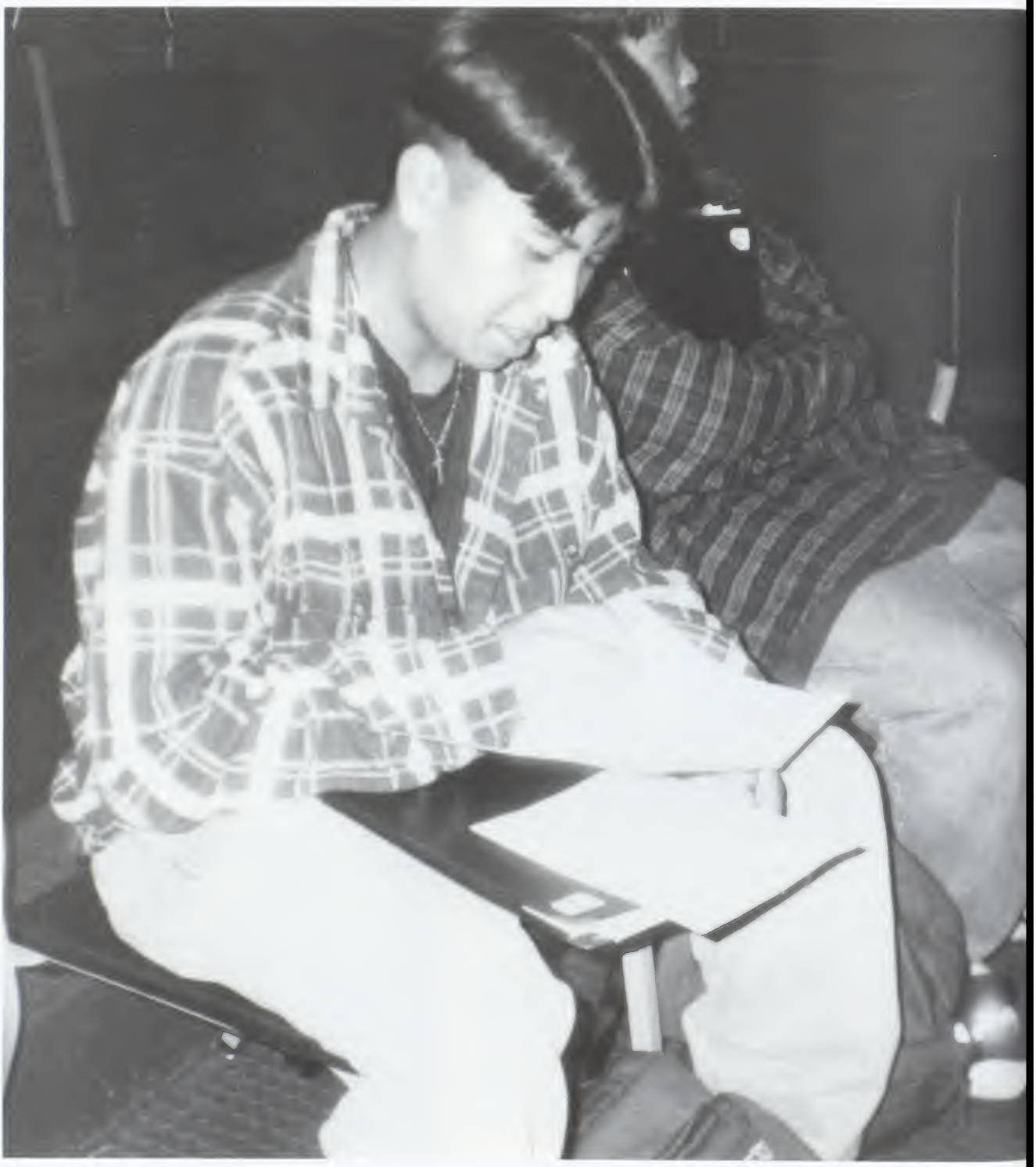
by Lucy Parreno

While the audience focuses on the twenty pommers positioned in the middle of the gym floor, the music comes on and excitement fills the air. Suddenly the girls come alive creating fantastic facials and hitting exact moves. With the adrenaline pumping and the crowd screaming, the music finally ends and the girls walk off, leaving the audience wanting more.

The twenty members of the pom pon squad, consisting of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, put forth a lot of effort and dedication in all that they do. The squad practices three days a week for two hours and sometimes on weekends. In this year alone, they have received many awards. For instance, during camp they received 1st Place for Home Routine, the Leadership Plaque, the Superior Trophy, Spirit Sticks, and over 60 blue ribbons for outstanding performance. Seniors Katie Winer and Tania Sosa also received All Star titles and were invited to march in the Macy's Day Parade. Along with that, Senior Nikki Pasia, captain of the squad, was asked to apply as a UDA (Universal Dance Association) Dancer.

The squad is coached by Sarell Hesser who says the squad is like one big family. They share everything from their scrunchies to their deepest and most embarrassing secrets. The friendships made here last a lifetime.

"Bringing forth a great dance is one of the biggest aspects in poms; however, along with that comes meeting new people, making long-lasting friendships, and learning to cooperate as a squad. It's an experience I will never ever forget and I will always cherish the memories forever."—Senior Nikki Pasia



All My Clubs

Before class starts, senior Jenni Wielgus (top right) pauses to chat with fellow Master Singers. Choral director Paula Bachman made dramatic changes in the department after her first year. Bachman created Expressions, our first swing choir, and organized the first combined junior high and high school concert, and also inspired students to participate in IMEA. Sophomore Andrew Dahan (left) and two others were selected through a competitive audition. They will be performing in a choir consisting of only the best musicians in the district seven Chicago suburb area.

Sophomore Chris Nelson blows a beautiful melody through his trumpet. To accomplish this, a player must have concentration and ability.

Junior Joey Kahn shows his talent with the saxophone. Kahn also has been a drum major for marching band.

Niles West Symphonic Band:
FIRST ROW: Tania Sosa, Kim Belluomini, Jenny Myung, Sung Choe, Debbie Kim, Niki Tottas, Jehnus Aranus, Erin Weinstein, Jennifer Zalon, Kristy Peterson, Paul Marchuck, Mr. William S. Koch. SECOND ROW: James Lee, Laura Woods, Adrian Cue, Allison Kyte, Jennifer Landis, Dawn Marie Tarcia Kemp, Andrew Heckerling, Roxanne Cabading, Lyla Padiernos, Michelle Hahn. THIRD ROW: Angela Amador, Fumika Takasaki, Kevin Jeong, Lisa Godeman, Amy Albrecht, Amy Kao, Jason Macejak, Seth Miller, Joey Kahn, Chris Lee. FOURTH ROW: Jane Vandermolen, Manda Gack, Renuka Purimetla, Jerome Jovero, Charlie Smith, Chris Nelson, Nick Piekos, Dan Errman, Mark Nabong. FIFTH ROW: Nick Dallas, Tiffany Sakolsky, Heidi Smith, Brian Kane, Galen De Las Alas, Matt Terdich, Chris Harpling. SIXTH ROW: Stacy Heilig, Danny Yoon, Mark Purtell, Andy Lato, Roger Herling. SEVENTH ROW: Rob Kyte, Kate Alpert, David Reuter, Jason Boucher, Dan Witte.

Niles West Jazz Band
FIRST ROW: Ben Saltz, Seth Miller, Danny Ko, Joey Kahn, Yuri Kim, George Persekian. SECOND ROW: Nancy Lee, Chris Harpling, Matt Terdich, Brian Kane, Tim Shriver, Mark Purtell. THIRD ROW: Dan Krop, Dan Witte, David Reuter, Chris Nelson, Jerome Jovero, Nick Piekos, Jason Kerman, Galen De Las Alas, Mr. William S. Koch.

We Band Together

by Lisa Acker

For ages, people have been listening to music. Enjoyment is what it is all about. But now, not only do some lucky band students get to listen to music, they also get to be part of it by actually making the music. What band best fits your ability? There are many to choose from. Among them are beginning band, concert band, symphonic band, jazz band, marching band, and even the new pop and rock band.

Beginning band is for students whose background in music is limited. After taking this course, players are ready to move on to bigger and brighter horizons like concert band and symphonic band. Concert and symphonic players get to play at concerts so that they can grasp music more thoroughly. Jazz band is very similar, but in order to be part of this experience, you have to tryout. While this might sound like a drag, you do get to play at basketball games and assemblies. Just like jazz band, the new pop and rock band also gets to play at basketball games. Marching band also plays at pep assemblies. Unlike some of the other bands though, being part of marching band is not mandatory. In this band, members get a choice to be part of a walk for music. This is recommended if you like taking field trips because all marching band members get to participate in marching in a big event. For instance, last year's marching band went to the Kentucky Derby. Heidy Hwang commented about the trip saying "I thought it was a good experience, and it was really fun."

When students become part of one of the bands, they take an active role in each selection. When talking to Koch, he stated, "Everybody has a role. Once we understand that role, we can build a harmony around that. If they have a role, they take ownership in it (the music)."

So, whether you like just playing an instrument, or would like to see a basketball game from a different point of view, band is great to get involved in. Who knows, after enough practice, you could become the next Beethoven, or Bach, or even the lead guitarist of Oasis.

Concert Band

FIRST ROW: Katie Drott, Kelly McBreen, Kim Cedilla, Sheryl Lapenia, Elizabeth Wozniczka, Kathy Fedykovitch, Heidy Hwang, Neda KusoLvisitkul. SECOND ROW: Caroline Ishida, Lisa Vora, Esther Lim, Angela Alomia, Susan Kinsman, Laura Schroeder, Sang Park, Jonathan Zavlovich, Christy Jackson, Heidi Soergel. THIRD ROW: Juliet Chong, Tom Vranas, Laura Seymor, Lori Sison, Lincy Joseph, Andrea Mueller, Jamie Kosher, Nancy Sotelo, Angela Park, Lindsey Lehman. FOURTH ROW: Nishant Pilla, Jason King, Scott Krell, Eddy Chin, Joseph Shin, Aldwin Gordula, Peter Rhee, Jimmy Shin, Charles Nadolsky, John Toliopoulos, Lizzy Harris, Athena Toilopoulos, Melanie Melissaratos.

Concert Band B

FIRST ROW: Tiffany Sakolsky, Mike Baffes, Nina Schwartz. SECOND ROW: Jason Kerman, Parin Patel, Bruce Snyder, Maggie Garham, Joe Zale, B.J. Youngsteadt, Joe Kougis, Ciprian Cuc. THIRD ROW: Danny Ko, Yuri Kim, Bryan Schmidt, Lowell Yap, Hyukjin Kang, Young Choi, Joey Espiritu, Peter Park, Bryan Nabong, Shayne Loiotile. FOURTH ROW: Michelle Morgan, Aaron Marshall, Shawn McAuley, Varun Goyal, Chris Deano, Jonathan Moy, Chris Hedquist, Tim Shriver, Keenan Namkung. FIFTH ROW: Tom Beveridge, Tom Gawron, George Persekian, Melanie Manego, Sandi Kollath, Andy Bautista, Linesh Joseph, James Warda, Nathan Bradley, Rhonda Macejak, Scott Meuller, Ozzie Zarate, Mr. William S. Koch.

Choir

by Pin Lin

People often have the misguided assumption that choir students just sit around. WRONG. The "choir package" comes with the forty minute pass/fail class and many other opportunities. These opportunities include: chances to sing as a National Anthem soloist at one of our home basketball games, to sing with Barry Manilow, to try out for Expressions, the newly formed swing/jazz choir, to sing at the Art Institute or Lou Malnati's, to appear on cable television, to tour Pennsylvania, and of course, to show off your talents at one of the numerous yearly concerts. Members of Choraliers, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, or Master Singers are not only singers; they are participants in many different activities and organizations.

Watching her footing, senior Erin Price descends down the stairs of the Washington headquarters in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Missing about one and a half days of school, students that participated in the chorus tour to Pennsylvania visited historical places such as: Philadelphia, Valley Forge, and Gettysburg.

Sophomore Andrew Dahan and juniors Kerri Lin and Nancy Lee mixed with the Williamsport High School choir in singing an Illinois district IMEA piece. A total of thirty-two choir members toured in Pennsylvania for four and a half days.

Choral members Pahn Pataramekin, Beth Dobrowolski, Stanford Kim, and Annie Jackson rest their feet and pose for a picture in downtown, Philadelphia. Each of the pictured students are active in school activities. Pataramekin and Kim in orchestra, Dobrowolski in theatre, and our very own Annie Jackson in yearbook.

CHORALIERS FRONT ROW: Tracy Martin, Katie Bieneman, Janice An, Jo-Ann Noche, Sara Scheibe, Mara Silver, Betsy Turk, Tonya Stettner, Dawn Tarica-Kemp. SECOND ROW: Emily Eisel, Betsy Carrera, Karla Davis, Jennifer Lane, Joann Kochikaran, Maggie Majerczjk, Sofia Tirovolas, Brynn Wexler. THIRD ROW: Paula Bachman, Camaron Inglesby, Mariam Siddiqui, Jessica Jafari, Jason Aleman, Liliya Yampolskaya, Mary Pat Hellum, Bernardo Bingayen, Jelena Dzamic. BACK ROW: Tom Wattenbarger, Joanne Zimmer, Genevieve Gosun, Pascale Metellus, Heidi Saidai, Caroline McDonald, Maria Chrisos, Laura Schutt, Kim Greenfield.

CONCERT CHOIR FRONT ROW: Jillian Matik, Nicole Bartl, Jackie Plett, Patima Pataramekin, Beverly Aprieto, Helen Giannakopoulos. SECOND ROW: Jenni Brame, Nicole Carranza, Stacey Paul, Junhee Choe, Katie Naka, Jason Eiseman, LeAnne Vollmann. THIRD ROW: Paula Bachman, Sara Hundahl, Racie Balajadia, Christina Roiniotis, Jamie Iannotti, Jean Metellus, Katie Uyeno, Peter Rakovic, Stefanie Volk. BACK ROW: Kim Rantz, Scott Wood, Mika Keegstra, Randy Shin, David Persky, Tom Vranas, Lorena Marino, Mike Georgescu.

Scrambling through other people's stuff, junior Susan Parapetti reached in her bag for something. Parapetti starred as Mrs. Luce in the winter musical, *Little Shop of Horrors.*

Members of Chamber Choir and Master Singers smile at the camera as they rest on top of the Penn State mascot. Juniors Brett Strykowski and Kerri Lin (far right) and senior Pin Lin (me, who by the way, took all the tour pictures on these two pages except for the one with Williamsport High School) had the distinguished pleasure of working one-on-one with one of the Penn State professors.

EXPRESSIONS FRONT ROW: Tracy Martin, Ann Carrera, Brett Strykowski, Susan Parapetti, Bernardo Bingayen, Tom Wattenbarger, Justin Loeffler, Nancy Lee, Kara Isaac, Stacey Paul, Betsy Carrera. BACK ROW: Pin Lin, Pahn Pataramekin, Nicole Sutherland, Paul Vranas, Andrew Dahan, David Persky, Angel Amador, Aviva Gibbs, Kerri Lin, Karla Garcia.

CHAMBER CHOIR FRONT ROW: Amy Kimura, Mirye Kim, Nicole Corrigan, Cathy Song, Kathryn Gascon, Fumika Takasaki, Erin Moore, Grace Kim. SECOND ROW: Grace Choi, Lauren Watanabe, Beth Dobrowolski, Kristen Caruso, Laura Lee, Stephanie Kouzoukas, Esther Park, Brett Strykowski, Jennifer Jarosz. THIRD ROW: Katie Gockenbach, Valerie Nicklas, Kara Isaac, April Stone, Kate Wieglus, Kerri Lin, Felicia Vollmann, Kim Smith. BACK ROW: Aviva Gibbs, Nicole Sutherland, Christine Cosmos, Laurie Nadick, Agnes Tessar, Judy Leavitt, Michelle Mechanic, Ann Carrera, Paula Bachman.

MASTER SINGERS FRONT ROW: Nancy Lee, Pahn Pataramekin, Angel Amador, Pin Lin, Colleen Gubbins, Katie Winer, Peggy Moy. SECOND ROW: Ana Marchisotta, Erin Price, Andrew Dahan, Michelle Michonski, Annie Jackson, Jennifer Jarosz. BACK ROW: Susan Parapetti, Jenni Wielgus, Justin Loeffler, Paul Vranas, Nikki Pasia, Stanford Kim, Paula Bachman.

all tuned up

Practice at least an hour a day, five days a week. Could you make that commitment? Well, the members of the Orchestra can and look what they can do. From violins to basses, each work hard to enrich the students of Niles West.

The purpose of the Orchestra is to enrich the musical talents and encourage the students to excel on their instruments and take pride in their musical organization. Violin, viola, cello, and basses provide music galore throughout the year. "The best thing about the orchestra is their willingness to learn, improve, and perform. They seem to be dedicated and anxious to please their audiences and themselves" says Steven Katz, who directs the Orchestra and teaches other advanced and beginner music classes. The Orchestra actually consists of two different classes. The Concert Orchestra, which mainly includes freshmen and sophomores, and the Symphonic Orchestra, which is for the more advanced players.

Whether playing Bach or Beethoven, the members of the Orchestra practice hard, deserving the applause they receive at performances.

Steven Katz directs the Orchestra. Katz also teaches beginner and advanced music classes.

Eugene Ahn and many other Orchestra members perform solos during concerts. Psst . . . don't be nervous!

Niles West Concert Orchestra
Row 1: Sandhya Vallabhapurapu, Nasreen Ahmed, Ji Hyun Cho, Tina Padiernos, Patima Pataramekin, Voula Kakaletris Row 2: Shannon McNeela, Swarupa Vallabhapurapu, Marianna Singer, Carolyn Nakai, Cecilia Lee, Jeanette Weidner, Kelly Kinslow, Viki Agorianitis Row 3: Brian Romero, Arif Sheikh, Paul David, Monica Morariu, Amy Lee, Bang Kim, Stephanie Snyder, Lily Chen, Eric Hsiao, Eliot Costianis Row 4: Min Kim, Mr. Steven Katz, Shantea Casey

Niles West Philharmonic Orchestra
Row 1: Rebecca Swain, Tina Ristev, Junhee Choe, Gina Chang, Janet Choi, Helen Hwang Row 2: Chaihyo Park, Jennifer Lee, Maria Dallas, Sam Ahn, Nick Bappert, Michael Kim Row 3: James Yoon, Andrew Kim, Sung Choi, Katy Lee, Samantha Dehne, Snezena Lukac, Christina Shin, Sora Jung, Grant Hsing, James Lee

A lot of time is spent traveling to concerts. Breaks between performances provide a good snack time.

After traveling from concert to concert, close friendships develop. Unaware of the photographer, members of the Orchestra talk with friends.

Row 1: Derrek Faulstick, Shirley Paek, Kathy Giannakopouios, Hera Cha, Linda Chung, Chris Tirovolas Row 2: Makoto Suzuki, Eun Seok Choi, Jenny Gravier, Stella Shon, Rick Holler Row 3: Dennis Lee.

Niles West Symphonic Orchestra
Row 1: Andrew Hamada, Michelle Hong, Jessie Reagen, Lisa Kim, Marnie Goodfriend Row 2: Wendy Whiteside, Pahn Pataramekin, Jennifer Lee, Ji Young Cho, Chong Yoo, Anil Varughese Row 3: Jason Park, Eugenia Ahn, Laura Kim, Deborah Cha, Jane Lee, Jennifer Connelly, John Lee

Niles West Symphonic Orchestra
Row 1: Debbie Kim, Tania Sosa, Sung Choe, James Lee, Tom Vranas Row 2: Dawn Tarica-Kemp, Andrew Heckerling, Renuka Purimetla, Heidi Smith, Nick Dallas, Tiffany Sakolsky Row 3: Dave Reuter, Chris Nelson, Mark Purtell, Stacey Heilig, Dan Witte

A Bowl of Fun

by Deborah Acker

Bing! No, it's not the microwave ringing and it's not you weird next door neighbor singing Old MacDonald. You guessed it! It's the buzzer for Academic Bowl, the most exciting, challenging game since Monopoly hit your table.

Academic Bowl, which is similar to Jeopardy, is a competitive game in which students work in teams to answer questions on various topics. While you can't win a lot of money, many enjoy participating in this game. As Sponsor Faith Shapiro said, "I enjoy the competition. I like the tension of it, the excitement of it, and this year we are more competitive than we have been in a while." What does senior Tim Malooly think about it? As he put it, "Where else but in Academic Bowl can the fruits of our intellectual labors be reaped with such insatiable fervor? Well, other than Portugal, that is." And what about the people? As Rizwana Patel put it, "we're not nerds, honestly."

So, next time you want something fun and exciting to do after school, instead of watching those old *Saved by the Bell* reruns (and we know you all do!), try Academic Bowl for a plateful time.

Seniors Rizwana Patel, Scott Berger, Tim Malooly, and Junior Rehana Patel try to determine "Who's on First?" Many of the questions the members have to think about.

ACADEMIC BOWL (L/R) ROW 1: Bryan Nabong, Mahnaz Ali, Eric Chan, Liz Stillen. ROW 2: Zafreen Husain, Jenny Lee, Sophia Koutsouris, Rehana Patel. ROW 3: Paul Nikodem, Dinia Moussa, Andrew Heckerling, Joe Oh, Kate Alpert, Nick Dallas, Curt Baffes, Scott Berger, Tim Malooly.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CLUB
(L/R) ROW 1: Latoya King, Pascale Metellus, Nicole Nash, Shairee Lackey, Ruben Lopez. ROW 2: Meth, Marquita Kendrick, Tiffany Buckner, Alicia M. Feaster, Jenny Johnson, Natalie McLead, David Brown, Careda Taylor. ROW 3: Jerry Boevers, Bolaji Akintunde, Paul Andrews, Kenny Red, Rashawn Grasker, Jasen Ahsam, Jasen Nelson.

Sponsors Faith Shapiro and Stanton Jones test the members on their knowledge of facts. Members compete in categories ranging from geography to English.

CHESS CLUB
(L/R) ROW 1: Dmitriy Epshteyn, Sam Ahn, Ronan Tipan, Alex Vodovoz. ROW 2: David Brandes, Michael Guevarra, Sherwin Macawili, Eugene German, Igor Khrestin. ROW 3: Yevgeniy Korabelnikov, Max Smirna, Rostislav Kasman, Scott Gromoshak.

ART CLUB

ASSYRIAN CLUB FIRST ROW: Nevada Youkhana, Rita Youkhana, Carolyn Akhteebo. SECOND ROW: James Mousall, Emanuel Nevaro, Ramier Nissan. THIRD ROW: Sargon Younan, Francis Kamsuol.

CHECKMATE

by Juliana Zusstone

Chess is made readily available to all Niles West students thanks to the start of the Chess Club. After a hard day at school (at least for some of us) the best thing to do is to sit down and relax. Why not engage in a little game of chess? Competitive enough to keep you interested yet still maintaining that factor of fun. Unfortunately the students here at Niles West think that sports can only include those that involve contact (and a high risk of injury). In the definition of a sport nowhere does it say that it may not include the battle of the brains. A chance to see who can out smart whom. With the next opportunity to come along, go watch a match or even participate in it yourself. You'd be amazed at just how intriguing it can be!

Sophomore Alex Vodovoz is strategically planning his next move. By the look on Eugene German's face he is close to winning. Oh no! Checkmate! Well almost, Yevgeniy Korabelnikov, watching intensively, is worrying about in which direction the game will fall.

CROATIAN CLUB
(L/R) ROW 1: John Pavlovic, Tina Susa. ROW 2: Sherry Soce, Marija Planinic, Maria Trograncic, Michael Valic, Davor Budimir, Kevin Hart. ROW 3: Ivana Buljubasic, Jessica Jafaric, Diana Volarevic, Kamran Akhter, Frane Ivic. ROW 4: Marlina Stimac, Bruno Rasich, Tony Vasilj, John Vodopic, Mr. C. Barnett.

FRENCH CLUB
(L/R) ROW 1: Mike Fernandez, Renuka Purimeta, ROW 2: Rita Hanna, Gabriel Adler, Hele Lee, Cathy Kim, Amy Im, Rachel Eskandar, Deborah Acker. ROW 3: Farahnaz Ali, Uzma Abbasi, Christine Lim, Esther Kim. ROW 4: Tammy Hrajnoha, Rebecca Ohlson, Shahbaz Kazi, Charles Nadolski.

Sam Ahn vs. Rohan Tipan and Max Smirnov challenging Igor Khrestin to a peaceful game of chess. Each player determining their next skillful move.

CHINESE AND THAI CLUB
Row 1: L/R Piya Buranatum, Julia Lin, Amy Kao, Joyce Chan, Hank Hsing. Row 2: L/R Vivian Au, Amy Kimura, Jane Lang, Lilian Au. Row 3: L/R Sinee Kopsombut, Katy Lee, Christine Lim, Alfred Tsao. Row 4: L/R Sinee Kopsombut, Katy Lee, Christine Lim, Afred Tsao. Row 4: L/R Ms. Stephanie Lee, Amy Moy, Lisa Sarmonpal, Eddy Chin, Shion Komatsu. Row 5: L/R Archy Jamjun, Peter Lai, Tony Ma. Row 6: L/R Savitre Tubrung, Joanne Lee, Pahn Pataramekin, Kevin Chan, Jin Liu.

FILIPINO CLUB (FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES)
L/R Tina Padiernos, Laura, Mary, Racie Balajada. Row 2: Ivan Cuavesma, Joel Pasia, Russell Mariano, Joey Espiritu, Charles Tayona, Elmer Gomez, Andrew Dahan. Row 3: Ivene Nones, Jean Gavina, Beverly Aprieto, Jezreel, Escobar, Theresa Perez, Sunshine Cabrera, Tracy Martin, Hijshen Panarez.

FILIPINO CLUB (JUNIORS AND SENIORS)
Row 1: Elaine Lamadrid, Matt Mendoza, Marlon Calma, Bobby Mendoza. Row 2: Leslie Nono, Mark Mallorca, Gerald Gutierrez, Ray Oroc, James Flores. Row 3: Dom Ruiz, Lucy Parreno, D.J. Landicho, Antonio Plaza, Therese Derecho. Row 4: Scott, Katherine, Carolyn DelaCruz, Crizen Plaza. Officers: 1st Row: Vice President: Gerald Gutierrez, President: Elaine Lamadrid. 2nd Row: (B.A.) Matt Mendoza, Secretary: Kathyrin, Treasurer: Mark Mallorca.

Don't forget your towel

by Dana Rzechula

"Did anyone check the box?" Ms. DesJardins asks the small group of Images members running around in room 118. Josh Pechter flees to see if anyone submitted poetry, short stories, photography, or artwork in the submission box while the others talk and pour coffee into white styrofoam cups.

Pector returns with two poems and some beautiful drawings. The group comments on the drawings and settles to read a poem. A member of the group reads a poem aloud.

"What vivid imagery," someone comments. The members discuss it and move on to other works. When they are finished they talk about how they will get *Images* (the magazine) published. They discuss what kind of layouts they want and which poems, stories, art, and photography they will use.

When the meeting is complete they all feel good about supporting the arts within the school. Or, maybe, it is just the caffeine.

Images is one of the many clubs that students enjoy participating in. Here, Rzechula stands in front of the group reading to them a piece of literature that was written by one of the students at Niles West.

FRESHMAN CABINET Front Row: Matt Brown, Ed Poxztowski, Farry Jackson, Steve Chertow, Saad Quadri, Francis Villegas Last Row: Fatima Banday, Jillian Goldberg, Liz Skillen, Jenny Pathieu, Becky Ligas, Karla Garcia, Miryana Vujoshevich, Jennifer Rottner, Jennifer Lane, Liz Perri, Sapna Kamdar, Sojy John, Mara Siver

GERMAN CLUB FRONT ROW: Sharyn Gordula, Manda Gack, Nicole Barti, Mary Fazeliarz, Liz Bera, Adrienne DelGenio, Pin Lin. SECOND ROW: Sue Semaszczuk, Vicky Cosa, Katie Hendrick, Reny Pinarkyil, Bridgette Franz, Amanda Erickson, Dawn Jacobs. BACK ROW: Neeto Nayyar, Garrett Pautsch, Curt Heller, Eric Chan, Dan Ertman, Joe Zale, Renee Base, Peter Costianis.

Dana Des Jardins is pouring coffee for a relaxing moment with some of her students. Images members often sit around drinking coffee and sharing poems and stories with each other.

Indo-Pack Club FRONT ROW: Neepa Patel, Yogini Patel, Ayesha Sheikh, Zafreen Husain, Saddae Savaye, Betty Jacob, Nirali Patel, Nilam Soni, Safna Kamdar, Jeny Pinarleyil, Karishma Raual. SECOND ROW: Stanley Thomas, Jundid Khan, Stash John, Shajan Karottu, Kuntal Rana, Liaesh Joseph, Moby Zubri, Imran Hussian. THIRD ROW: Uzma Hussain, Nazneen Kashid, Bindu Varghese, Fatima Banday, Roshani Shah, Mariani Siddiqui, Lincy Joseph, Reena Phillippose, Yogeeta Keny, Mahnaz Ali, Naiya Bhatt, Sheila Lakhani.

HELLENIC CLUB FRONT ROW: Barbara Siargos, Renee Stolis, Lambrini Lukidis, Anna Koinis. SECOND ROW: Ms. Nash, Angie Siargos, Theodora Analitis, Vicky Spirtatos, Niki Tottas, Voula Moragiannis. BACK ROW: Ted Kotas, Bill Tziavaras, George Tavoularis, George Anastasiadis, Nick Chin, George Nikolakalis, Damon Nikolopoulos.

IMAGES FRONT ROW: Fallen Angel, Dana Rzechula, Katie Novello, Rizwana Patel, Sophia Koutsouris. SECOND ROW: Rehana Patel, Racie Bacajadia, Susan Persky, Mary Fazelian, Kim Belluomini. THIRD ROW: Brian Swerdlow, Alice Lee, Dana DesJardins. NOT PICTURED: Misty Isaacson, Angela Endres, Elise Kopke, and Aziz Syeda.

http://nwk 37.nsslsilus.org

by Tina Susa

YES!!! YES!!! It is finally here. The INTERNET CLUB!!! This is the club for all you "computer jocks." The club is sponsored by Mr. Goins and was founded by Paul Vranas. This fun and exciting club, which consists of over 30 members, logs on to people all over the world. The meetings are held in room 140 and of course in the computer fun lab in room 121. The purpose of the club is to allow students access to go through spectacular adventures of riding on the information super-highway. This new form of technology has advanced the relationship between man and computer - to man and universe.

One of the projects that the club was a part of was the Niles West Page Cover. The club goes on-line and surfs the shores of other countries world wide. It is a new way for all you love birds to finally meet your mates or for all you lazy-research-paper-writers who do not want to go to the library and OPEN a BOOK. The Internet will revolutionize the communication span all across the globe, and in everyone's home. See what the Internet Club can do for you in the years to come.

INDO-PAK CLUB FRONT ROW: Reny Pinarkyil, Beena Joseph, Swapna Kuruvilla, Mili Patel, Monica Gren, Nira Patel, Neetu Nayyar, Sejal Patel, Priti Patel. ROW TWO: Saad Patel, Sarfaraz Ashraf, Bhavesh Patel, Ashish Singh, Sam Khan, Khelan Bhatt, Asma Shakir, Leilani Ahsam. ROW THREE; Ms. Y. Miller, Tina Thomas, Azma Abbasi, Sima Patel, Rizwana Patel, Jignyasa Patel, Farahnaz Ali, Avani Patel, Rehana Patel. BACK ROW: Joe Chollampel, Adeel Siddiqui, Ameen Wasim, Anand Soni, Vinny Kurian, Tony Chinnappan, James Kannookadan, Parag Patel, Nirav Amin, Tegpal Manchanda.

INTERNET CLUB FRONT ROW: Jung Shim, Rambod Saeedifard, John I, Vodopic, Kamran Akhter, Ian Santarinala. ROW TWO: Mark Kwon, Joseph Choi, Savitre Tubarong, Noshin Hussaini, Kiran Ladhani, Kira Keegstra. ROW THREE: James Han, Hyunjin Nam, Lewis Hagedom, Alex Padieros, Mohammed Safuddin, Ali Tanveer. ROW FOUR: Seth Horwitz, Joseph Han, Shoaib Menon, Rikul Gheewala, Mark Naboung, Kris Chinosornvatana. BACK ROW: Sofia Javed, Justin Bender, Tim Malooly, Corey Bregman, Andrew Heckerling, Paul Vranas, Donald Chan, Shahbaz Kazi, Yevgeniy Korabelnikov.

Internet Club member Heidy Hwang surfs the net. The Internet Club, headed by Paul Vranas, is one of the newest clubs around.

J.E.T.S. FRONT ROW: Corey Bregman, Tom Budzik, Susan Koo, Irina Gitlin, Nick Dallas, Barbara Siargos, Christel Lee, Priti Patel, Amanda McCormick, Ann Levinson. BACK ROW: Andrew Heckerling, Mark Nabong, Ed Stankewitz, Mike Savchenko, George Scaria.

ISRAELI CLUB FRONT ROW: Olga Plotkina, Jessie Reagan. BACK ROW; Polina Bedrikovetsky, Ilana Berlin, Tamar Kelmer, Vera Shcherbakov, Brian Gelfand, Michelle Barsky, Marina Shoffer.

JAPANESE CLUB FRONT ROW: Mrs. LeFevre, Shion Komatsu, Amy Kimura, Jane Lang, Sophia Koutsouris. ROW TWO: Alfred Tsao, Aarti Thiagarajan, Amy Moy, Karen Hansen, Peter Lai. BACK ROW: Grant Hsing, Adam Kellman, Gary Chen, Reuben Rogak, Jason Chen, Hank Hsing.

Not Just Your Ordinary Class Moochers

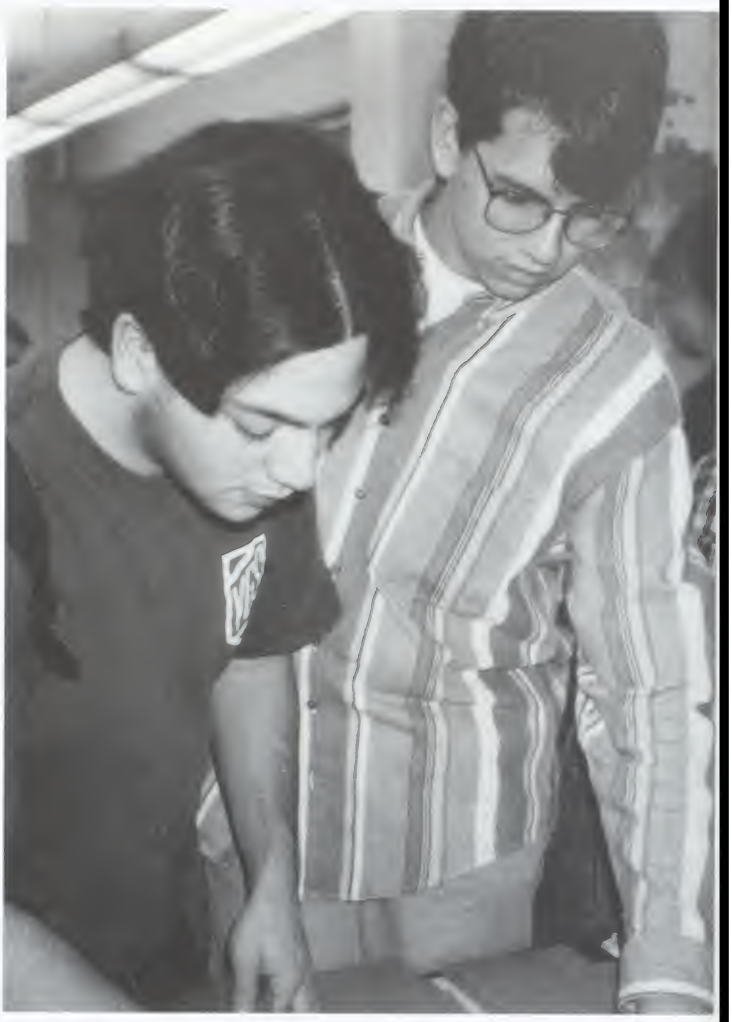
by Deborah Acker

Think back! You remember those times when you were sitting in homeroom, and you were asked for money. No, it wasn't the class moocher! It was a more reliable source who even offered you donuts and pins! You got it! It was National Honor Society.

National Honor Society is a club which performs good deeds for various organizations. Some of the things which they have already done this year include collecting cans for the canned food drive, collecting money for United Way, and organizing the blood drive for students and teachers (and you thought that that was just to see you faint)! National Honor Society members also plan every facet of their induction from invitations to the reception.

What does sponsor R.J. Meyer think of this year's group? "This is a really good group. People have been very involved, very consistent, and very dedicated." Officer Barbara Siargos likes National Honor Society because "NHS provides an opportunity for students to give back to the community through things like Crusade of Mercy, the Blood Drive, and the canned food drive."

So next time a National Honor Society member enters your homeroom, instead of ducking or throwing pennies, give for the good of mankind, for them and for you.



KOREAN CLUB FRONT ROW: Harry Lou, Nancy Good, Tracy Feid, Frank Lee, Donny Grat, Ted Bare, Pam Pinn, Wether Jamd, Dave Drinn, and Andrea Caver. SECOND ROW: Henry LaFont, Lou Lowry, Laurie Satarey, Larry Grand, and Jacob Schwartz. THIRD ROW: Matt Redt, Courtney Candoy, Asher Tranktun, Rendy Ramos, and Sam Stammer. FOURTH ROW: Bobby Barker, Johnny Rewert, Faith You, Brad Ha, and Nancy Lee. FIFTH ROW: Val Nan, Tran Gradey, Peter Eder, Ann Newmeen, and Maggie Finster.

LATINO CLUB FRONT ROW: Veronica Jaimes, Denise Sotelo, Lisa Torres, Nancy Sotelo, Paul Torres, Alfonso Bautista, Ricardo Cardenas. BACK ROW: Denise Sklar, Wendy Vega, Carla Medina, Juan Ayala, Eddie Rodreguez, Edwin Ayala, Elizabeth Medina, Earl Nowak.

Senior National Honor Society members Matt Joseph and Brad Brown prepare to gather money for United Way's Crusade for Mercy. Who wouldn't sacrifice precious minutes of sleep to spend quality time with R.J. Meyer?

National Honor Society members Jenni Wielgus, Andrea Goynshor, and Barbara Siargos count the money collected from the United Way's Crusade for Mercy drive. Who wouldn't want to count money for a good cause?

PEER LEADERS FIRST ROW: Allison Kyte, Jalpa Shah, Annie Jackson, Alex Chudnovsky, Erin Pollyea, Heidi Eichler. SECOND ROW: Rachel Federman, Diane Pathieu, Rehana Patel, Ann Bieneman, Nikki Suss, Pin Lin, Andy Slosar. THIRD ROW: Dimitra Dallas, Jennifer Slabas, Suzanne Rontal, Mark Nabong, Walter Guminick, Yvonne Miller, Laurie Shapiro, Michelle Feingold.

MATH TEAM FIRST ROW: Sang Joon Park, Laura Cohon, Nick Dallas, Julia Lin, Jenny Lee, Kuntal Rana. SECOND ROW: Grant Hsing, Alex Chudnovsky, Lisa Kim, Amanda McCormick, Kwan Joo Sohn. THIRD ROW: Corey Bregman, Dima Moussa, Michael Svchenko, Sam Ahn, Hoondorg Lee, Igor Mamut. BACK ROW: Tom Budzik, Rob Kyte, Diana Rumsley, Andy Hamada.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FRONT ROW: Deborah Acker, Katherine Berg, Deborah Cha, Rachel Federman, Julia Lin, Allison Kyte, Joyce Chan, Sheena John, Inna Kagan, Susan Koo. SECOND ROW: Irina Gitlin, Carla Dobre, Pahn Pataramekin, Barbara Siargos, Stephanie Kouzoukas, Susan Persky, Kira Keegstra. THIRD ROW: Pin Lin, Sophia Koutsouris, Olga Plotkina, Alana Klufas, Nina Menda, Melinda Balk, Andrea Goynshor, Tom Budzik. FOURTH ROW: Liz Suh, Karen Hansen, Maris Grossman, Aarti Thiagarajan, Amanda McCormick, Jenny Slabas, Seth Rosenbrg, Shion Komatsu. FIFTH ROW: Tim Malooly, Corey Bregman, Dimitra Dallas, Christel Lee, Tania Sosa, Mark Nabong, Matt Joseph, Hank Hsing. BACK ROW: Susan Weiss, Joseph Meyer, Sean King, Jeff Kochikaran, Jason Vranas, Jenni Wielgus, Brad Brown, Brian Kane, Mike Burns, Tony Czupryna.

The Ultimate Game

by Joe Zeman

Most people play sports like baseball, basketball, football, and volleyball. But now the popular sport is Ultimate Frisbee. People might think that it only involves people throwing a plastic disk around, but there's much more to it than that. Players perform cool tricks and they do not even use a dog! There is even a cool name for this it is, Sport Ultimate.

This year players voted on the name Big Red Ultimate. What they do is nothing like any other traditional sport. It is like playing football, but with a frisbee instead. The object of the game is the same as football with end zones, but there is no running with the frisbee permitted and there is no tackling.

Sport Ultimate has gained popularity. Niles West began as one of the three clubs in the area, but now there are eight clubs in the area. They even started playing a tournament and they even won a few games.

This year our school will host a tournament. Niles West formed one of the first clubs in the state, along with New Trier. Math teacher and Ultimate Frisbee Club sponsor Robert Nortillo says, "I want it to become an IHSA sport. It is the coolest sport around, ask anyone who plays it." If you want to see what it is like, come and experience it. After all, this is no ordinary game. It is the Ultimate one.

Juniors Gina Zimmer and Rosie Chwal are throwing the frisbee around. It looks as if they are playing a friendly game in Ultimate Frisbee. They are practicing their defensive moves.

SADD Front Row: Jane Froman, Renee Stolis, Barbara Siargos, Chrissy Papnick, Jalpa Shah, Joanne Kielar, Kathy Lee. Second Row: Jenny Lau, Kerri Lin, Noula Frigelis, Maris Grossman, Stephanie Kouzoukas, Alana Klufas, Katie Hedrick. Back Row: Angie Siargos, Tim Malooly, Scott Berger, Jenny Rincor, Eve Bilotas, Heidi Eichler, James O. Puff

Peer Mediation Bottom row: Kim Richard, Josh Boysen, Brett McGovern, Cheryll Geslani, Jason Angelilli. Top row: Barbara Siargos, Nick Dallas, Dimitra Dallas, Dan Meric, Amanda McCormick, Julie Driscoll, Allison Stegich, Brad Brown, Brian Kane, and Tim Malooly.

Science Olympiad Front row: Joyce Chan, Julia Lin, Nina Menda, Robert Kyte, Curt Baffes, Jenny Lee, Ilana Benlia Second row: Shion Tomatsu, Hoondoy Lee, Andrew Podoseno, Jason Chen, Igor Mamuit, Sam Ahn Third row: Eric Chan, Micheal Savchenico, Tony Glorisco, Alex Chudnovshy, Daniel Nitoi, Hank Hsing, Olga Plotkina Back row: Ms. E. Ramseyer, Lynde Hopper, Peter Lai, Dima Moussa, Corey Bregmah, Andrew Heckering, Joe Oh, Hitesh Metha, Jason Park and Mr. Swider

SAVE Front Row: Stacy Paul, Aaron Marshall, David Shin, Kevin Hart, Joe Shin, Johnathon Moy, Chris Fontana. Back Row: Nicole Bartl, Manda Gack, Susie Lee, Jaimie Koser, Sam Ahn, Jason Choe.

W.H.O.'S W.H.O.?

One of the most active clubs at Niles West is the W.H.O. Club. W.H.O. stands for West Helps Others and just like the name implies, it lends a helping hand to many. The W.H.O. club was created five years ago with the students' intent to volunteer in many local organizations. Mr. Andrew Johnson became the head sponsor. The club has no officers but has a large leadership. The main voices that are heard in the club are: Eve Bilotas, Kris Chinosorn, Allison Kyte, Melinda Balk, Jason Lee, Nina Menda, Monica Marciel, and Inna Kegan.

W.H.O. helps out both on national and local levels. The club supplies students with Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the Edison School children. W.H.O. also visits the Ambassador Nursing Home at various times of the year. They help the homeless and needy by providing volunteers to serve food in soup kitchens.

Their main project of the year is Habitat for Humanity. Last year students gave up their spring break to travel to Florida to build houses for the devastated victims of Hurricane Andrew. This year 22 students and 7 teachers will also give up their spring break to build homes destroyed by Tropical Storm Alberto. To help pay for this year's trip to Albany, Georgia, they held various fund-raisers. Two of the most successful fund-raisers bringing in more than $1000 collectively were the coffee houses. They started after school selling baked goods and coffee while bands played and poetry was read. The two events significantly cut back the cost of the trip.

Obviously this club is extremely beneficial to the community. Next year's plans are to simply keep up with all that they have been doing and expand out even further. Their newest project is a partnership with a kindergarten class from Cabrini Green to provide those children with many activities such as visiting the zoo.

STUDENT SENATE FRONT ROW: Telly Benetatos, Becki Adelman, Hitesh Metha. SECOND ROW: Tasia Benetatos, Jenny Slabas, Issac Feder, Erick Oh. BACK ROW: Ryan Goldflies, Cathy Doczekalski, Kim Richards, Kara Isaac, Amanda McCormick, Ben Saltz, Paul Vranas, Tim Malooly and Mr. Shwartz.

STUDENT UNION FIRST ROW: Christine Tabamo, Janice An, Ed Pocztowski, Elaine Kim, Danielle Issacson, Samantha Schwartz. SECOND ROW: Leslie Nono, Darene Landicho, Nancy Lee, Matt Brown, Courtney Krell, Sapna Kamdar, Liz Skillen, Liz Perri. THIRD ROW: Mr. Serpico, Paul Ceisel, Sofia Souflakis, Nick Zafiropoulos, Shana Quinn, Linda Khoshaba, Dana Cash, Shayna Harris, Jennifer Rottner, Miryana Vujoshevich, Francis Villegas. FOURTH ROW: Kim Belluomini, Karla Medina, Charisa Iaksanaprom, Lainia Manta, Cheryl Geslani, Lisa Pocztowski, Katy Quinn, Joshua Boysen, Steve Brown, Pat Brown, Garry Jackson. BACK ROW: Tom Kasalo, Anna Koinis, Lorena Marino, Paula Pisani, Jason Angelilli, Katrina de Ocampo, and Steve Chertow.

Senior Allison Kyte serves coffee to a fellow student. The W.H.O. club's coffee house was so successful that another one was held. This was the main fund-raiser for them.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE FRONT ROW: Jane Lang, Issac Feder, Angelu Ramos. SECOND ROW: Anna Lee, Ben Yarrow, Gina Zimmer, Mike Baffes. BACK ROW: Mr. Nortillo, Gabe Horwitz, Kim Richards, Scott Sabin, and Eric Hsiao.

THESPIAN CLUB FRONT ROW: Jacob Goldsmith, Jessica Elkayam, Aviva Gibbs, Dana Rzechula, Jenny Abbasi, Caroline Costa, Jenny Spear, Erin Nelson, Katie Novello, Ben Schneider, Adrianne Schoen. SECOND ROW: Sofia Javed, Jesse Winograd, Daniela Smetkowski, Jenni Siegel, Stephanie Kouzoukas, Nicole Sutherland, Thomas Wattenbarger, Adam Mathes, Shion Komatsu. THIRD ROW: Stacy Lucas, Matt Joseph, Danielle Davino, Anna Zbilut, Alice Lee, Kate Alpert, Eric Rosenbash, Seth Miller. BACK ROW: Kira Keegstra, Christian Dethloff, Melissa Venn, Justin Bender, and Brad Brown.

TUTORS CLUB FRONT ROW: Dima Moussa, Olga Plotkina, Carla Dobre, Renee Stoles, Barb Siagros, Nick Dallas, and Donald Chan.

Senior Seth Horwitz is so absorbed in the *West Word* that he doesn't even notice our photographer. *West Word* provides local and international news, sports, cartoons, and a fun way for staff members to spend their Friday nights.

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Extra! Extra!

by Heidi Eichler

"K!" No, this is not an out-take from *Sesame Street*. It is simply the easiest way to get the attention of *West Word's* sponsor. (Who really wants to scream out "Mr. Klingenberger" every time Pagemaker destroys hours of hard work?!?!?)

Members of the *West Word* staff meet everyday in class during mods 23-25 to write, plan, and curse the computer. Before becoming staff members, students have to take News Writing and News Editing to learn the "tricks of the trade" and improve writing skills. After they pass the course, they are initiated through a complex ceremony involving candles, long robes, and, of course, human blood. No, this isn't really true; they use halogen lamps.

Throughout the year, staff members work hard to produce the award-winning school newspaper. For them, newspaper is more than a class-it's a prison. Editors can spend many hours after school putting the finishing touches on the paper and fighting *Spectrum* for the computers. Through these tireless efforts alone, they can bring the students all the latest information all year. For all they do, *West Word* staffers deserve fame, fortune, and all the halogen lamps they can stand.

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LISA ACKER Swimming 2,1; Yearbook 4,3,2,1; Film Club 4,3

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VIVIAN AU Gymnastics 4,2,1; Chinese/Thai Club 4,3; WHO Club 4

MEGAN BACH Swimming 2,1; Track 2,1; Basketball 2,1; Soccer 4,3; Extraordinary Corpses 3; Theatre 3; Seminars For Scholars

ANNA BALAS Hellenic Club 2,1

NICOLE BANDUR Volleyball 1; Band 2,1; Marching Band 2,1; German Club 4,3,2,1; Croatian Club 3,2,1; Track 2,1; Yearbook 4,3

MELINDA BALK Cheerleading 4,3,2,1; S.A.V.E. 3,2; WHO Club 4,3; National Honors Society 4; West Word 2,1

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EVE BILOTAS Soccer 1; S.A.D.D. 4,3,2,1; WHO Club 4,3,2; Student Union 1; Student Cabinet 2,1; Youth Environmental Summit 3

KHELAN BHATT Indo-Pak Club 4

BRIAN BODE Swimming/ Diving 4,3,2; Gymnastics 4,3; WHO Club 4; S.A.V.E. 3,2

JOHN BOUDOUVAS Soccer 1; Football

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MIKE BURNS Football 3,2,1; Basketball 2,1; German Club 14,3,2,1; NOT Club 2,1; National Honors Society 4,3; WHO Club 4; S.A.D.D. 4

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MICHAEL FERNANDEZ Soccer 1; WHO Club 4; French Club 4; Gymnastics 3,1

MELANIE FLETCHER Recycling Committee 2,1; Environmental Club 2,1; Drama Club l3,2; Softball 2,1; Art Club 3; History-Arizona Girls State 3; Spanish Club 3

JAMES FLORES Football 2,1; Filipino Club 4,3,2,1; Korean Club 4; Images 4

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DENNIS LEE Soccer 1; Wrestling 1; Gymnastics 1; Tennis 2; Orchestra 4,3,2,1; Korean Club 4,3,2,1; Seminars For Scholars 4; H(2)O 3,2

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With Independence Hall behind them, choral members Kate Wielgus, April Stone, Cathy Song, Aviva Gibbs, and Tom Vranas walk leisurely back to the meeting place where the bus will pick them up. The choirs tour to Pennsylvania included visits at Gettysburg, Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Penn State, and the Hershey factory.

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MICHELLE MICHONSKI Gymnastics 2,1; Chamber Choir 1; Choral Union 2; Expressions 4,3

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CHRISTIAN MOGHINA Soccer 4; Football 2,1; Romanian Club 3; Tennis 4,3

ERIN MOORE Swimming 3,2,1; Gymnastics 2,1; Yearbook 1; Choir 4,3; Color Guard 4,3; Midnight Riders 4,3

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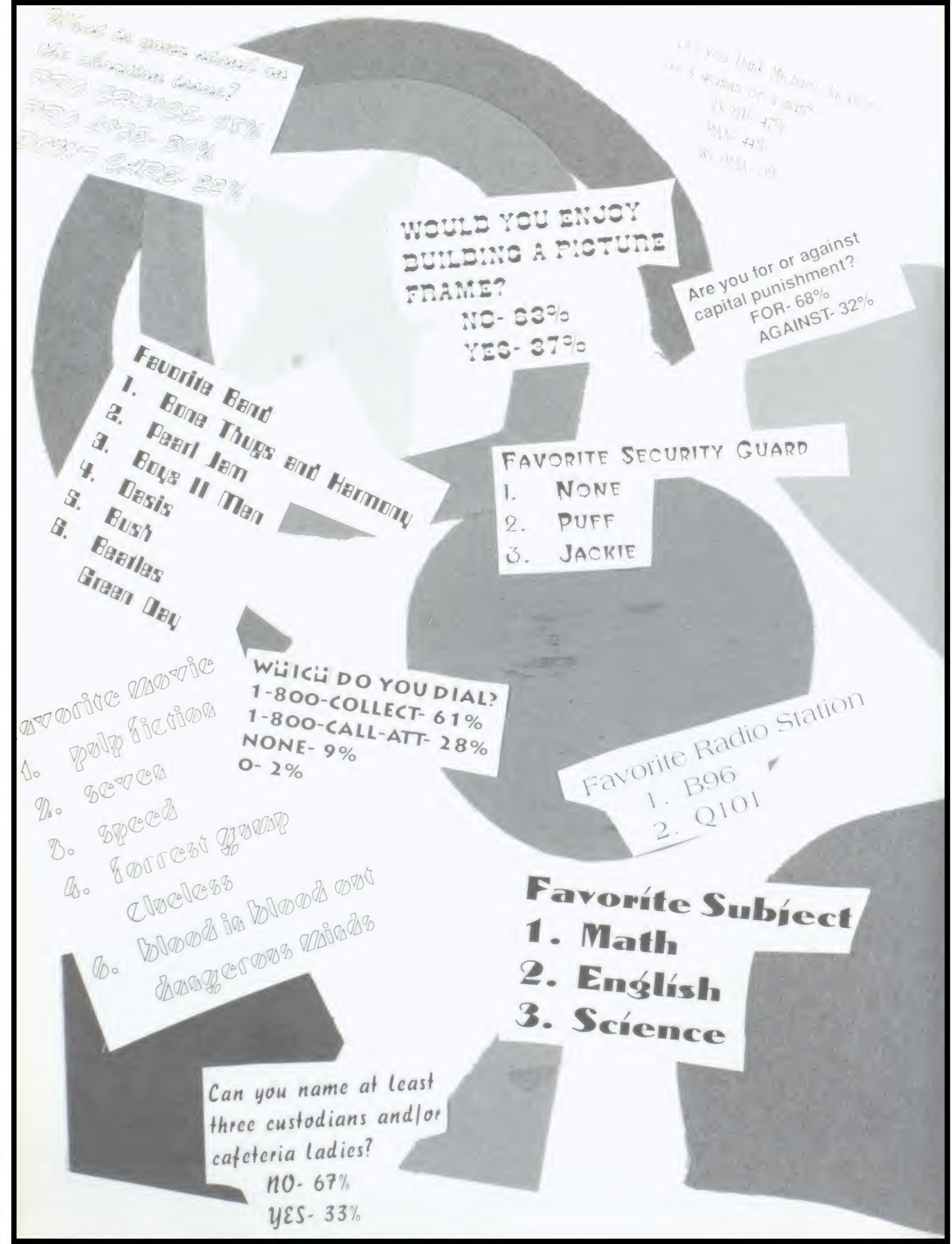
Sophomore Stanford Kim enjoys listening to his walkman before engaging in an intense session with Penn State choral directors. Master Singers and Chamber Choir spend an entire day at Penn State and enjoyed shopping and eating.

DEBORAH ACKER Yearbook 4,3,2,1; National Honor Society 4; French Club 4,3; Film Club; Swimming 2,1; Seminars for Scholars 4; Gymnastics 1

MISTY ISAACSON Stage Crew 4,2,1; Art Club 4,2,1; Student Mediation 4,2; Images 4; Extraordinary Corpses 4; WHO Club 4; S.A.V.E. 1


WOULD YOU ENJOY BUILDING A PICTURE FRAME?
NO- 63%
YES- 37%
Are you for or against capital punishment?
FOR- 68%
AGAINST- 32%
Favorite Band
1. Bone Thugs and Harmony
2. Pearl Jam
3. Boyz II Men
4. Oasis
5. Bush
6. Beatles
Green Day
FAVORITE SECURITY GUARD
1. NONE
2. PUFF
3. JACKIE
WHICH DO YOU DIAL?
1-800-COLLECT- 61%
1-800-CALL-ATT- 28%
NONE- 9%
O- 2%
Favorite Radio Station
1. B96
2. Q101
Favorite Subject
1. Math
2. English
3. Science
Can you name at least three custodians and/or cafeteria ladies?
NO- 67%
YES- 33%

Do you know anyone who is infected with the HIV virus?

NO- 69%

YES- 31%

Was O.J. innocent or guilty?

GUILTY- 60%

INNOCENT- 40%

Can you accept homosexuality...for others?

YES- 40%

NO- 31%

NO COMMENT- 29%

Do you enjoy pushing a lawnmower...(borrowed from t ok-so-accurate ACT assessme test)?

YES- 21%

NO- 76%

WHAT???- 2%

Do you know where Bosnia is?

YES- 78%

NO- 22%

Which do you prefer?

PEPSI- 54%

COKE- 46%

IS RELIGION IMPORTANT TO YOU

YES- 74%

NO- 26%

Favorite Teacher

1. Patrick Flynn
2. Gary Solomon
3. Christopher Schwarz
4. Troy Bennett
5. Howard Fogel

Favorite TV Show

1. Friends
2. Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
3. ER

Do you regularly watch the news?

YES- 58%

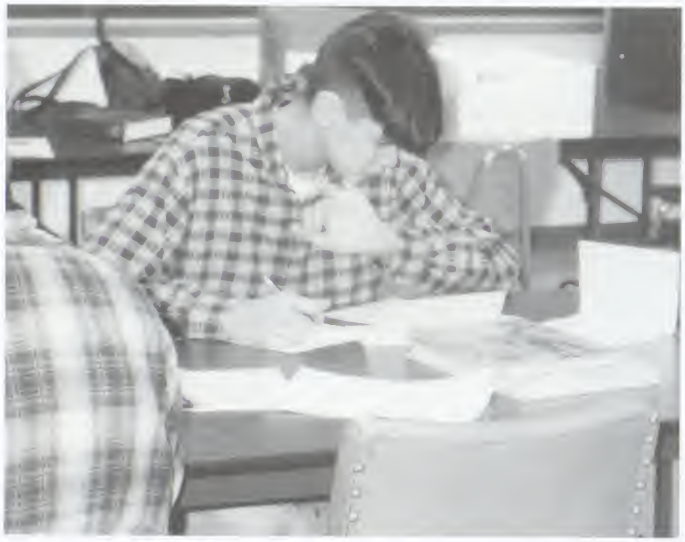
NO- 42%

DO YOU AGREE WITH THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF YOUR PARENTS?

YES- 74%

NO- 26%

To tally the results of the school survey, staff members were chained to their desks and kept alive with bread and water. Actually, our staff is so dedicated that they don't need to be chained- we simply posted an armed guard at the door.



Obviously not a big tree-lover, sophomore Tylor Robinson goes through many drafts to write a story for *Spectrum*. Writing copy is a very strenuous process that involved interviews and creativity, oh my!

Junior Lucy Parreno sorts through an endless number of photos to find just the right one for her layout. The photographers started out very neat and ordered, but things didn't exactly stay that way. Would anyone out there care to help organize them?

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Grimacing at senior Pin Lin, adviser Michele Lewis makes a face as odors from her baby's diaper change lingers over her desk. Lewis can sometimes be seen using the papers of her students as diaper wipes, but only the bad ones. (Just kidding.)

SPECTRUM FRONT ROW: Reni Kim, Lisa Acker, Eric Nees. SECOND ROW: Jill Pasia, Lucy Parreno, Jenny Cho, Deborah Acker, Nicole Bandur, Michele Lewis. THIRD ROW: Beverly Aprieto, Ticha Maleegrai, SoHui Chong, Dana Rzechula, Pin Lin. FOURTH ROW: Mike Cimmarusti, Andrea Braovac, Liz Wozniczka, Anne Jackson, Scott Zehner. FIFTH ROW: Maria Tragrancic, Heidi Eichler, Kelly McBreen, Julie Zusstone, Sue Semaszczuk. BACK ROW: Joe Zeman, Tylor Robinson, Tina Susa, Joel Manansala.

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.....Joe Zeman
.....Juliana Zusstone

Yes, this is another boring yearbook picture of senior Deborah Acker. She said that this is a pretty good picture of her. Gee, I don't know. What do you think?

Special Events Supervisor Heidi Eichler and Managing Editor Reni Kim attempt to correct a layout. However, they didn't get very far because the excess white-out needed to fix it killed their brain cells.

Ah, wite-out, how great thou art! Senior Annie Jackson fixes her layout before turning it into her supervisor.

RENI'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS! RENI'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS!

I don't want to say the typical, "I'm glad the yearbook is done," thing because I'm sick and tired of seeing the same thing over and over again in this yearbook. Does it sound like I'm a little bitter? Well, never mind that. Finishing the yearbook was a really gratifying experience for me. Despite all the hardships I went through to help meet the deadlines, the toughest battles came from fighting the *West Word* staff for some space and a little respect. I don't think the past publications staffs have had the same problems we've had, but I sense a little of the evolutionary changes with the "survival of the fittest" going on. So readers, when you go through the pictures and captions and possibly the stories in this book, try to envision those late nights when ten staff members tried to cram into three little computers. Then, pity us instead of complaining that we called you a sophomore instead of a junior; we're only human. I would love to take this opportunity to thank those who made my life a little easier this past year. (As most of you know already, I was a stress maniac.)

Pin: I don't want to get all sappy, but you've taught me so much about yearbook production and have really taken me under your wing. I've learned a lot from your intense dedication to this book and I will carry your obsessive attitude with me next year. I wish you all the success and happiness in college.

Heidi: You have been a savior. You stayed after with Pin and me on those scary nights with the mice and the spectrum. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Ms. Lewis: All I can say is that we've put you through way too much stress this year. But thank you for bearing with it and keeping us in line when we needed it the most.

So Hui: Without your dark room adventures and all the art work that you did for us, this book would never have come out right. Keep on munching on that fruit!

Mom, Dad, and Elsie: You've been a tremendous support to me by letting me pour my heart out over this book and also understanding my stress with schoolwork. Elsie, I really love you! You don't know how great a sister you are.

Rehana: For always being there for me and letting me yell and scream at you about everything that weighed me down.

Kara and Sasha: For getting me out of the house. You guys really kept me alive.

Kelly, Nicole, and anybody else who worked zis butt off: You guys brought back my hope in good, hard-working people. Thank you so much for your help and dedication.

Supervisors and staff: Thanks for enduring my temper during those difficult times. The work you contributed to this book is really appreciated and keep up the good work next year!

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Junior Maria Trograncic shows senior Lisa Acker and freshman Scott Zehner just what she wants, R-E-S-P-E-C-T! Actually, Trograncic, as co-sports-supervisor, is telling them about their sports layouts.

We only want to know where your favorite room is, not what you do in it!!! Junior Joel Manansala discovers another of the obscene survey responses while calculating the results.

PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS! PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS! PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS! PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS! PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS!

Dear Niles West,

I had so many goals for this book, but when it came down to late Friday night, I really just did not care anymore. (Can't you just tell that I am a SENIOR!) My apologies to any and/or all organizations, faculty, or students that we offended. We really did try.

Once again, I must comment on how pathetic my life is. I have been on staff since freshman year and spend almost all my Friday nights in the publications' room. Wasting at least five dollars for dinner, Reni, Heidi, Nicole, Kelly, and I would dance around the room with croppers around our necks after eating two gallons of ice-cream. Boy, we sure had fun. (That was sarcastic, by the way.)

Now, I will start my acknowledgments, ...

Mrs. Michele Lewis: Congratulations on the newest *Spectrum* staff member, Abigail. Women's rights, ya!

Reni: Thanks for everything. Thanks for picking up after me and finishing up the pages that just got too boring. I know that senioritis came a little earlier for me than others (say, beginning of the year!), so thank you for being so editor-in-chief-like.

Heidi and Kelly: What more can I say, thank you so much for helping out!

Nicole: Hey, my-so-called-best-friend, I know that we haven't exactly talked to each other; but thanks for the senior section, senior credits, and school surveys. Last year, I thought that I would have to do the senior section by myself, but you sure surprised me. You did it! You did everything! Don't forget me when you go off to wherever you're going. Don't forget to visit. I only live next door. Du bist meine gute Freundin.

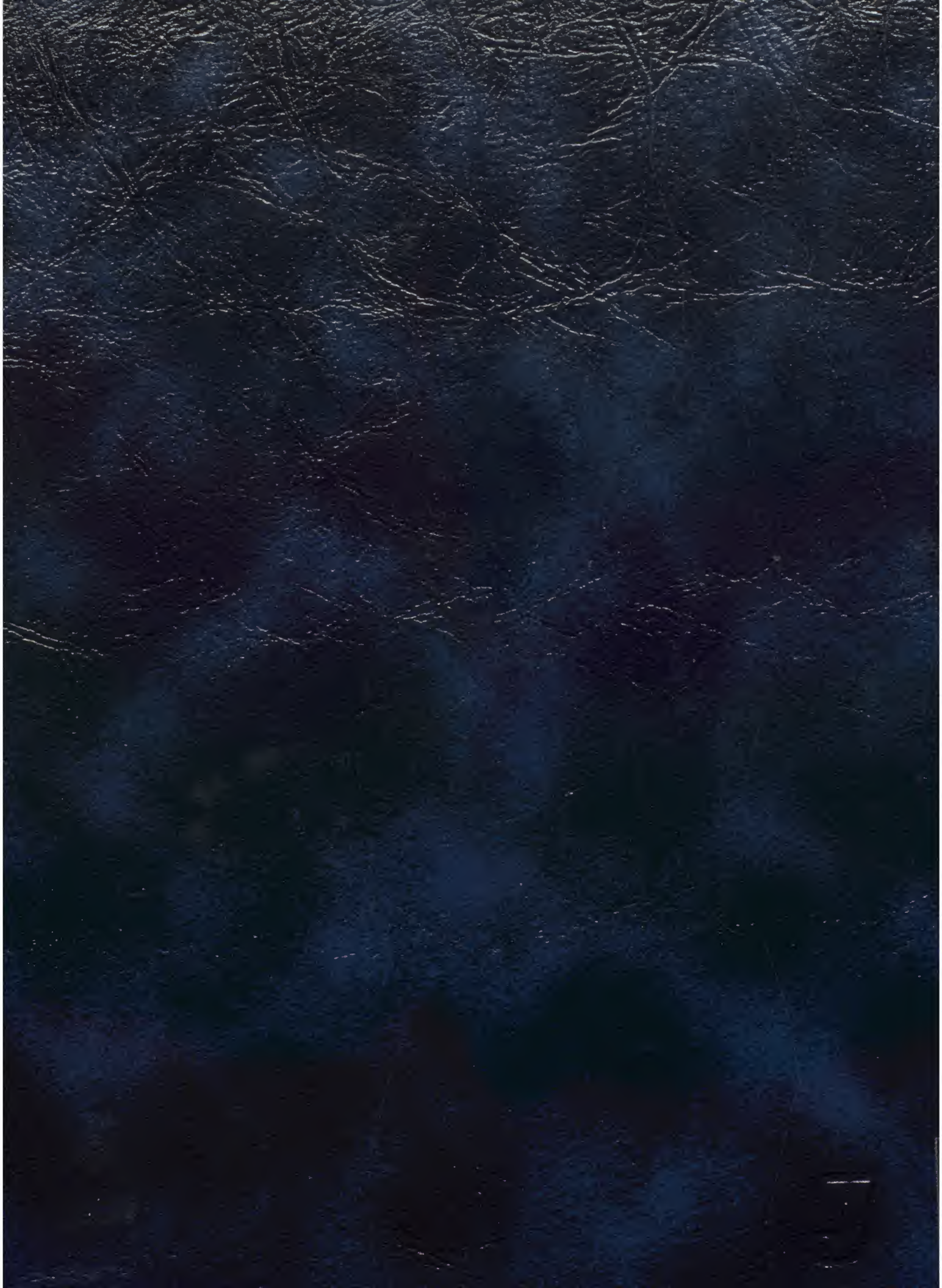
Dana: Sorry about the Images page and the two day notice. You've been a good friend for not chewing my head off. Smile!

Fighting evil by moonlight. Winning love by daylight. Bah-bah-bah, she is the one name, Sailor Moon.

Shahbaz: There, I put you in my acknowledgments.

Everyone else: Love ya all and come visit me in Champaign! (Just not all at once.)

PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS! PIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS!

Senior SoHui Chong shows off the two pages that she slaved over. Chong can often be heard through the publications' room saying, "Pictures. I need pictures."

DaVinci used paint, Barry Manilow uses song, and senior Dana Rzechula uses empty film canisters to express her artistic urges. These sculptures are attractive and eco-friendly.